



...WE SHOULD
HAVE TURNED
QUEEN HISTORIA
INTO A TITAN
AND FED
HIM TO HER.

WE
SHOULD HAVE
GONE AHEAD WITH
OUR PLAN. AS
SOON AS ZEKE
REACHED THE
ISLAND...



HEY.

I GUESS A
LOWBORN GIRL
COULD NEVER
BECOME A
TRUE QUEEN.

AND
WITH SOME
LOCAL SHE
DIDN'T EVEN
MARRY.




CUT
IT
OUT.



WE'VE
LET HER
GO OFF,
ENJOY
HERSELF,
AND HAVE
A LITTLE
BRAT...

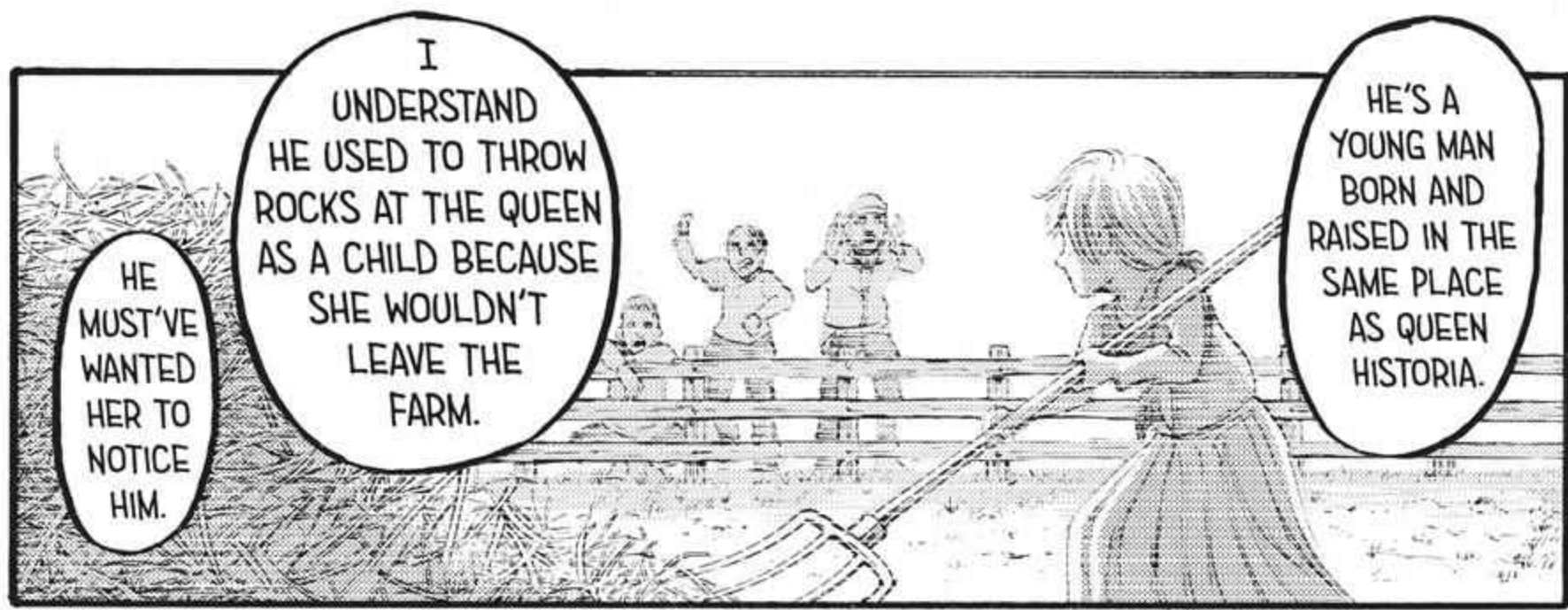
HAH!

IN-
STEAD
OF
THAT
...



HE'S BEEN
CHECKED OUT. WE
KNOW HE'S NO
ONE'S PAWN.

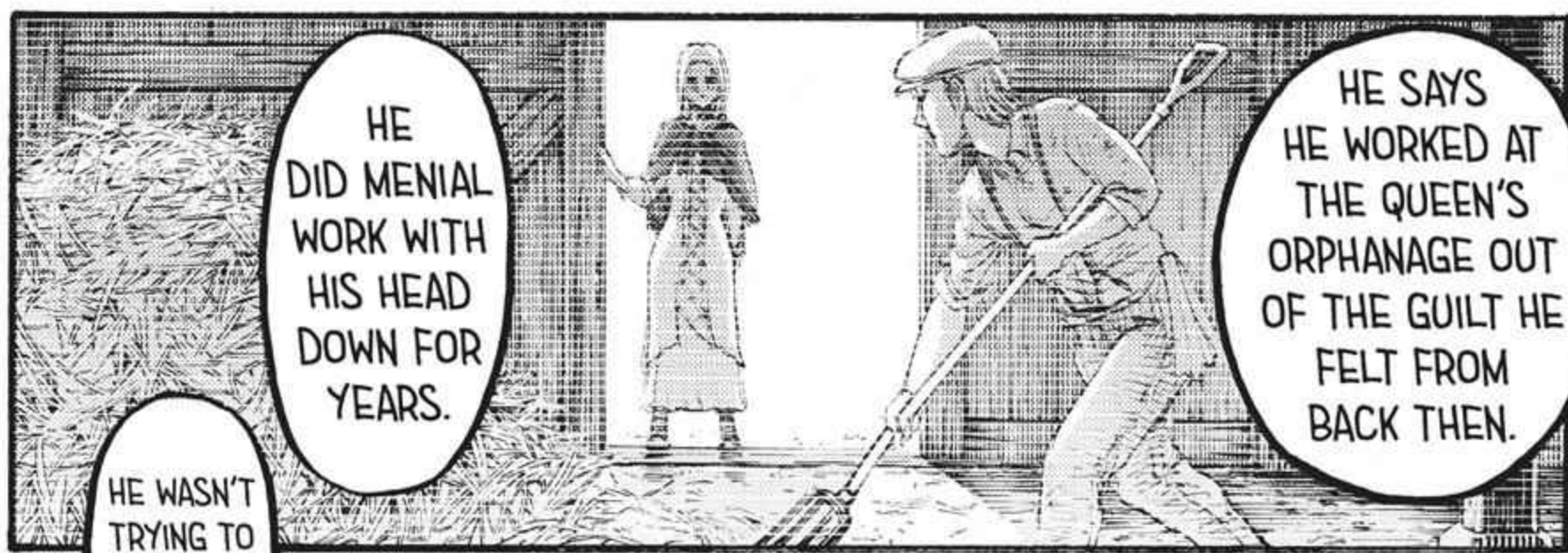
THE
QUEEN HAS
THE RIGHT
TO CHOOSE
HER PART-
NER.



HE
MUST'VE
WANTED
HER TO
NOTICE
HIM.

I
UNDERSTAND
HE USED TO THROW
ROCKS AT THE QUEEN
AS A CHILD BECAUSE
SHE WOULDN'T
LEAVE THE
FARM.

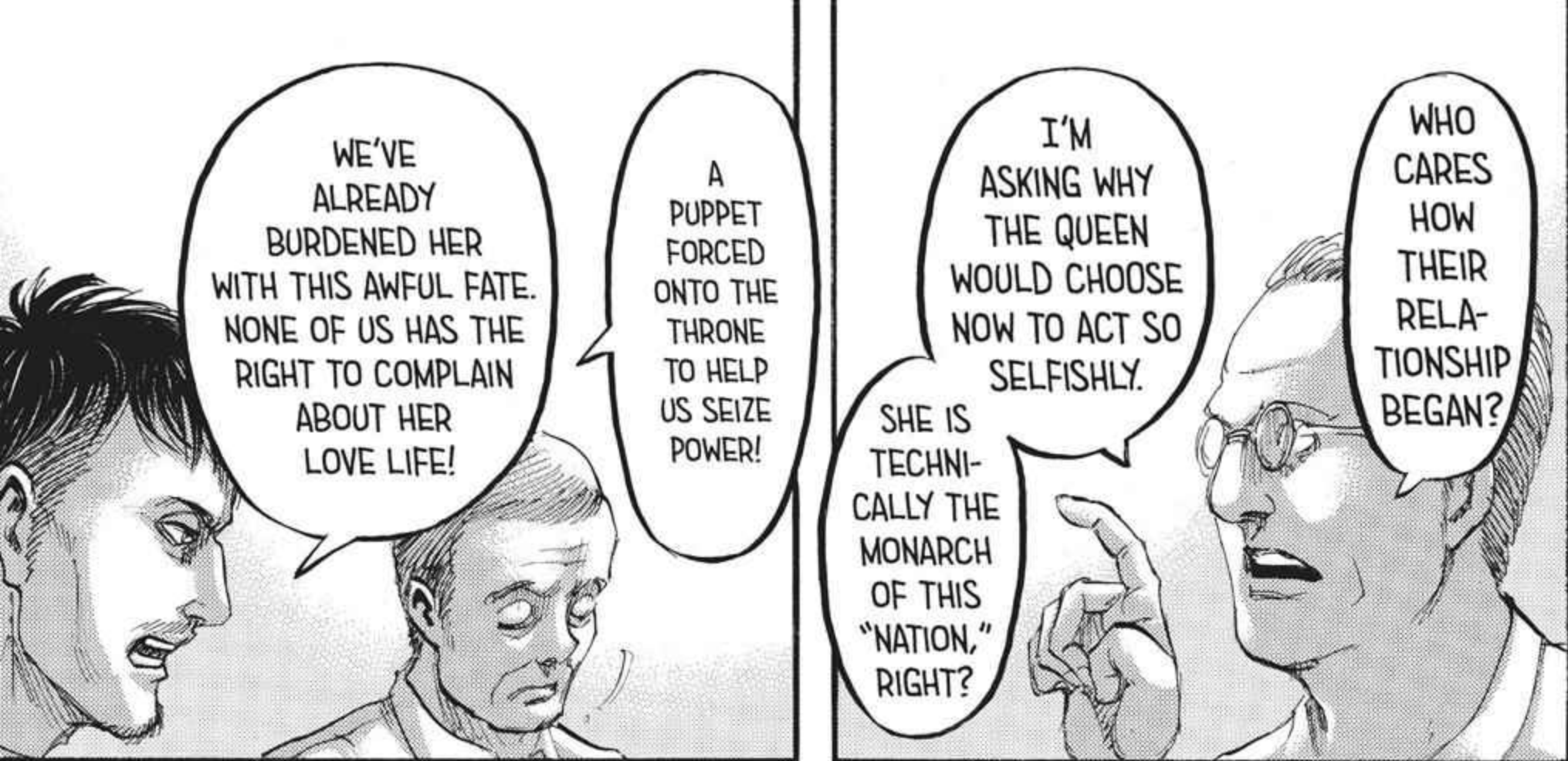
HE'S A
YOUNG MAN
BORN AND
RAISED IN THE
SAME PLACE
AS QUEEN
HISTORIA.



HE WASN'T
TRYING TO
GET HER
ATTENTION.

HE
DID MENIAL
WORK WITH
HIS HEAD
DOWN FOR
YEARS.

HE SAYS
HE WORKED AT
THE QUEEN'S
ORPHANAGE OUT
OF THE GUILT HE
FELT FROM
BACK THEN.



WE'VE
ALREADY
BURDENED HER
WITH THIS AWFUL FATE.
NONE OF US HAS THE
RIGHT TO COMPLAIN
ABOUT HER
LOVE LIFE!

A
PUPPET
FORCED
ONTO THE
THRONE
TO HELP
US SEIZE
POWER!

I'M
ASKING WHY
THE QUEEN
WOULD CHOOSE
NOW TO ACT SO
SELFISHLY.

WHO
CARES
HOW
THEIR
RELA-
TIONSHIP
BEGAN?

SHE IS
TECHNI-
CALLY THE
MONARCH
OF THIS
"NATION,"
RIGHT?



NOW THAT
SHE CARRIES
A CHILD WITH
ROYAL BLOOD,
OUR PLAN HAS
FALLEN
APART.

IT'S
ABOUT
TIMING.

THAT'S
NOT WHAT
I'M TRYING
TO SAY.



BUT
IF SHE GOT
PREGNANT, SHE
WOULDN'T HAVE
TO BECOME
A TITAN UNTIL
AFTER SHE
GAVE BIRTH.

SOMEONE
TOLD HER
THE
TRUTH.

SOMEONE
MUST HAVE
INFORMED THE
QUEEN. THEY TOLD
HER THE CORPS
WANTED TO FEED
ZEKE TO HER AS
SOON AS THEY
COULD.

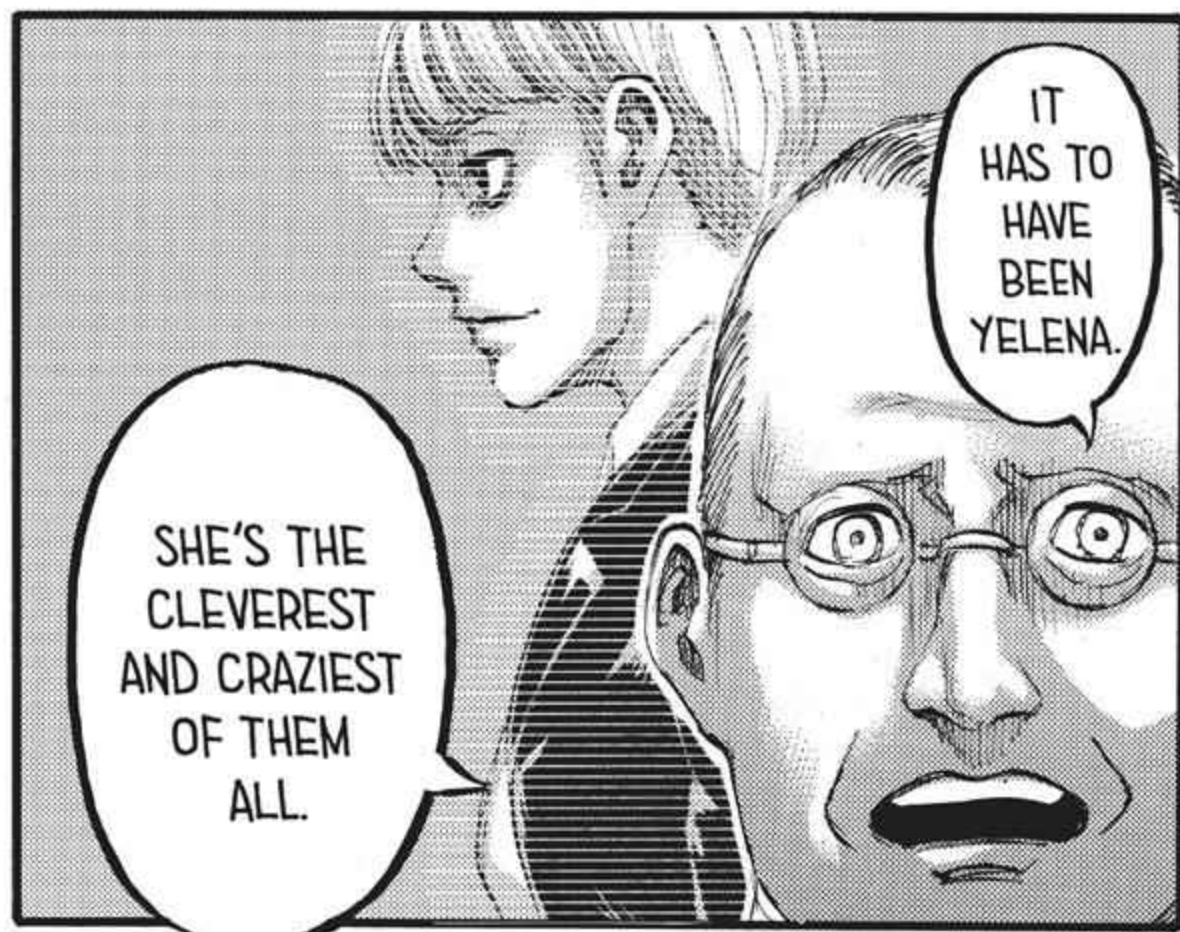


DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF OF THAT?

PERHAPS SHE WANTED ZEKE TO LIVE OUT MORE OF THE TIME HE HAS LEFT.

YOU'RE REALLY SAYING SHE'D BE SCARED OF INHERITING THE BEAST TITAN?

SHE'S NOT JUST THE QUEEN! SHE'S ALSO A BRAVE SOLDIER WHO'S HAD HER SHARE OF SCRAPES WITH DEATH.



SHE'S THE CLEVEREST AND CRAZIEST OF THEM ALL.

IT HAS TO HAVE BEEN YELENA.



IN OTHER WORDS, A VOLUNTEER.

SOMEONE WHO WANTED ZEKE TO SURVIVE HERE ADVISED HER.

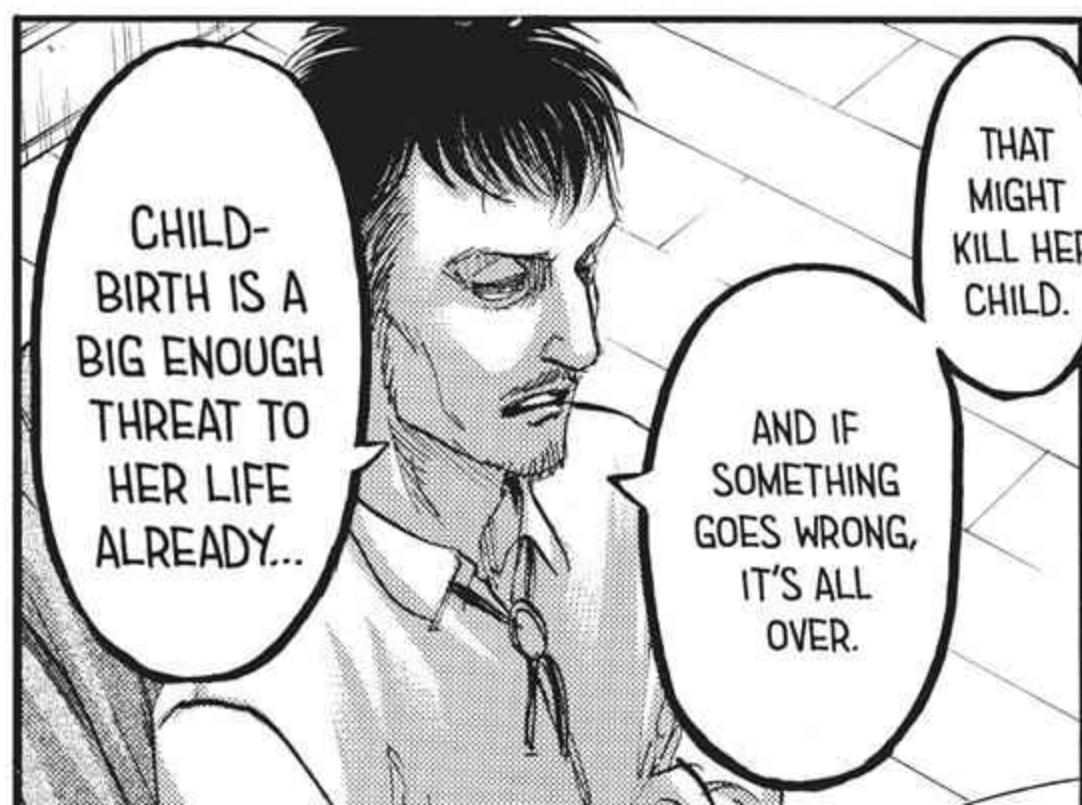


YOU'VE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK, ROEG.

ZEKE SURVIVED THANKS TO THE QUEEN'S PREGNANCY!

SO YOU HAVE NO PROOF?

WHAT COULD THOSE BASTARDS BE PLANNING?!



CHILD-BIRTH IS A BIG ENOUGH THREAT TO HER LIFE ALREADY...

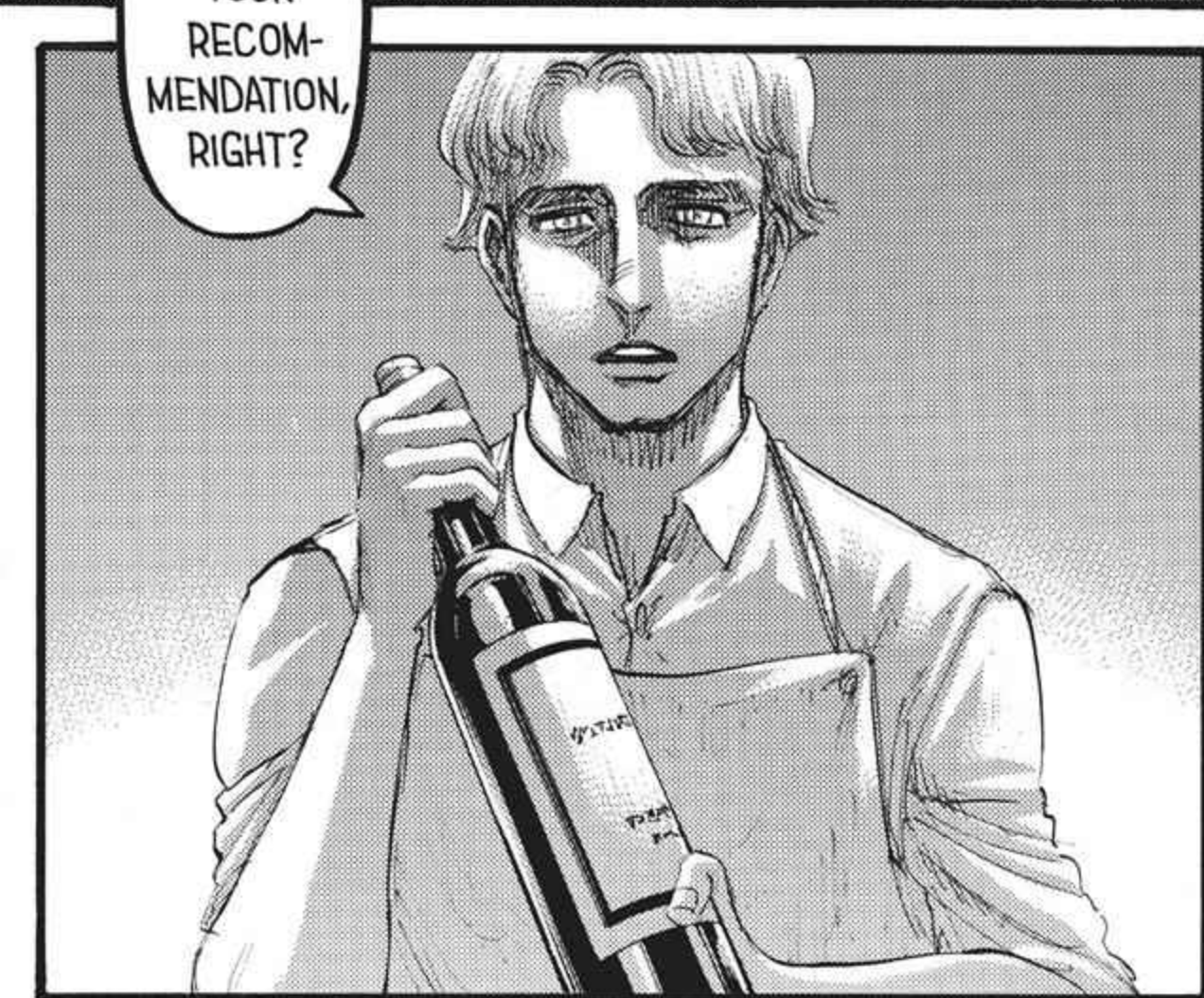
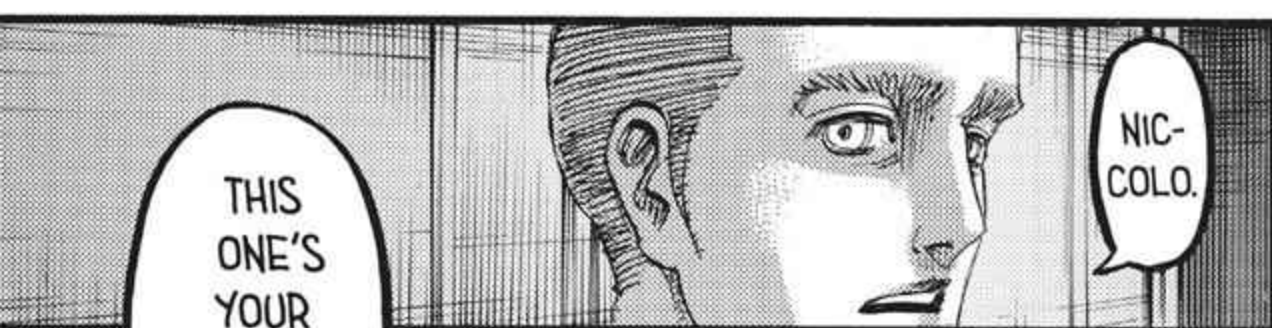
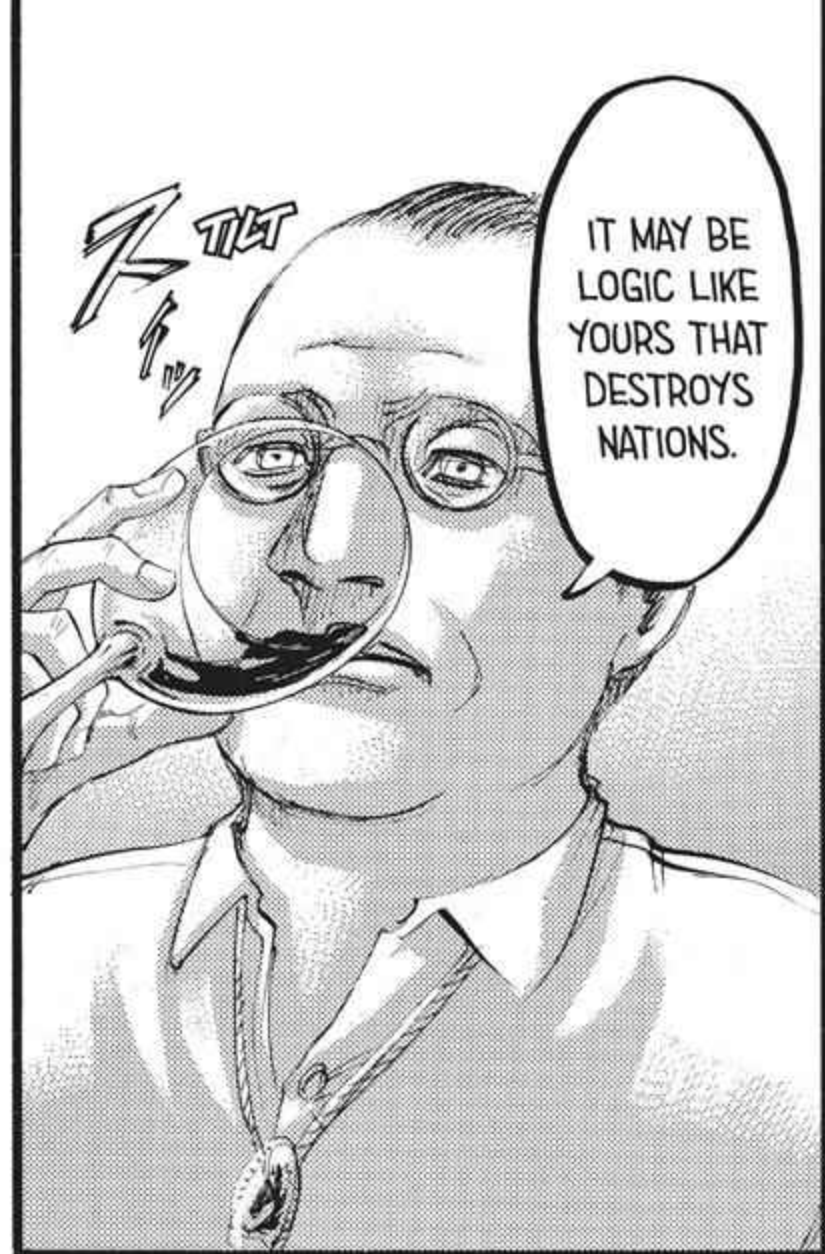
AND IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, IT'S ALL OVER.

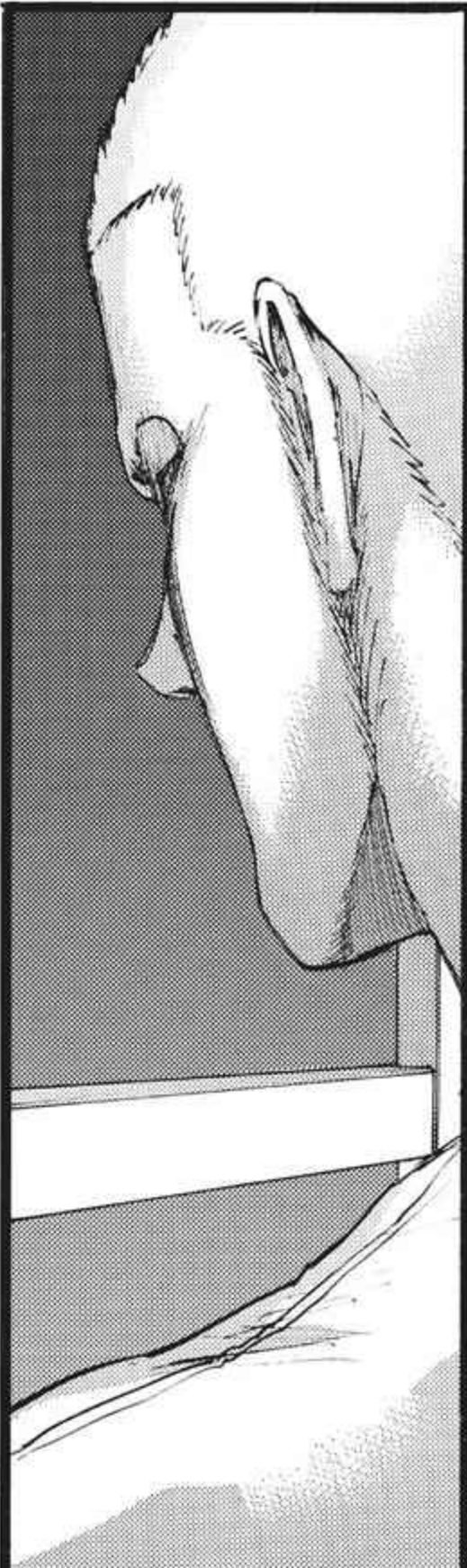
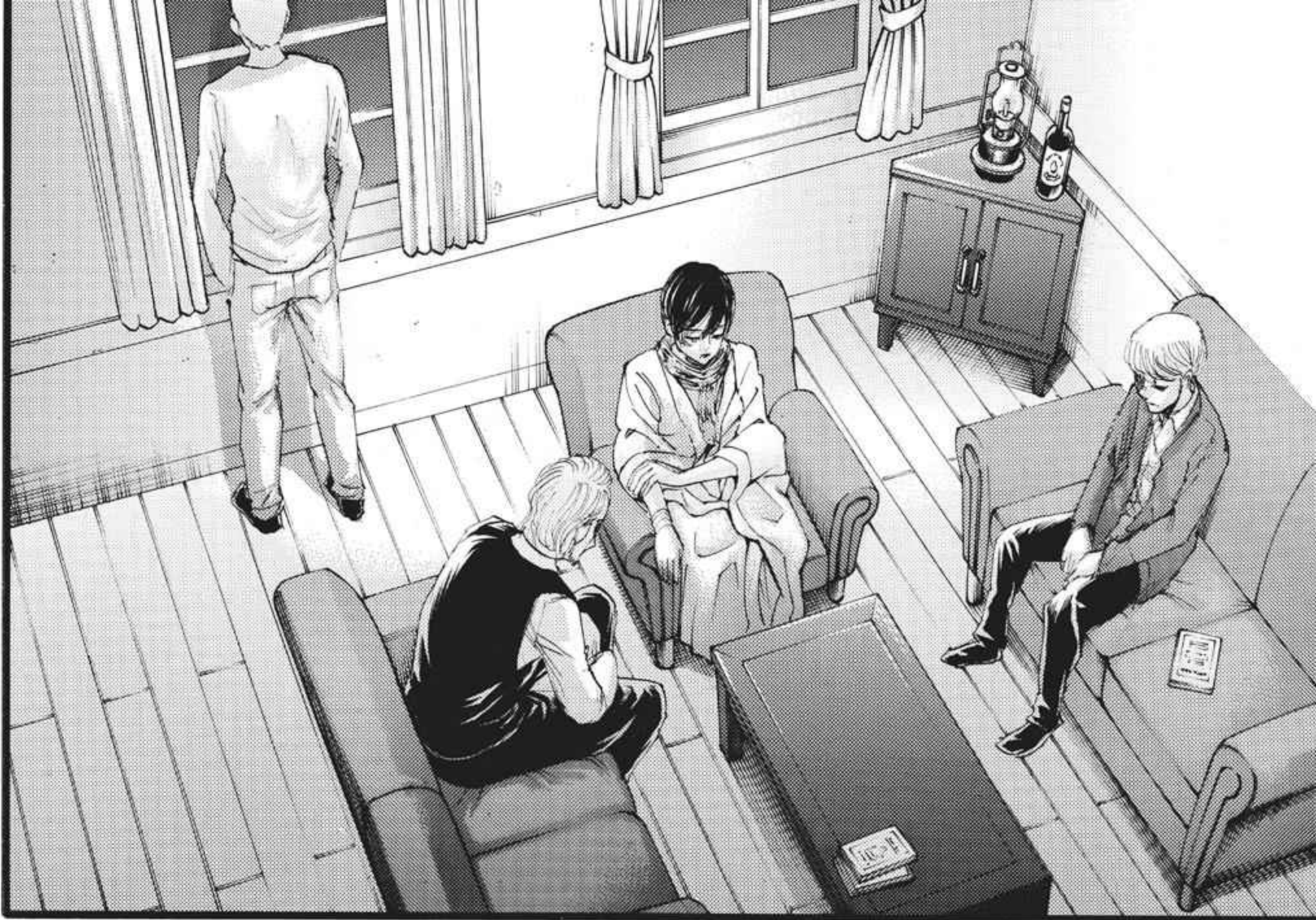
THAT MIGHT KILL HER CHILD.



JUST MAKE HER A TITAN... PREGNANT OR NOT.

...IT'S NOT TOO LATE...







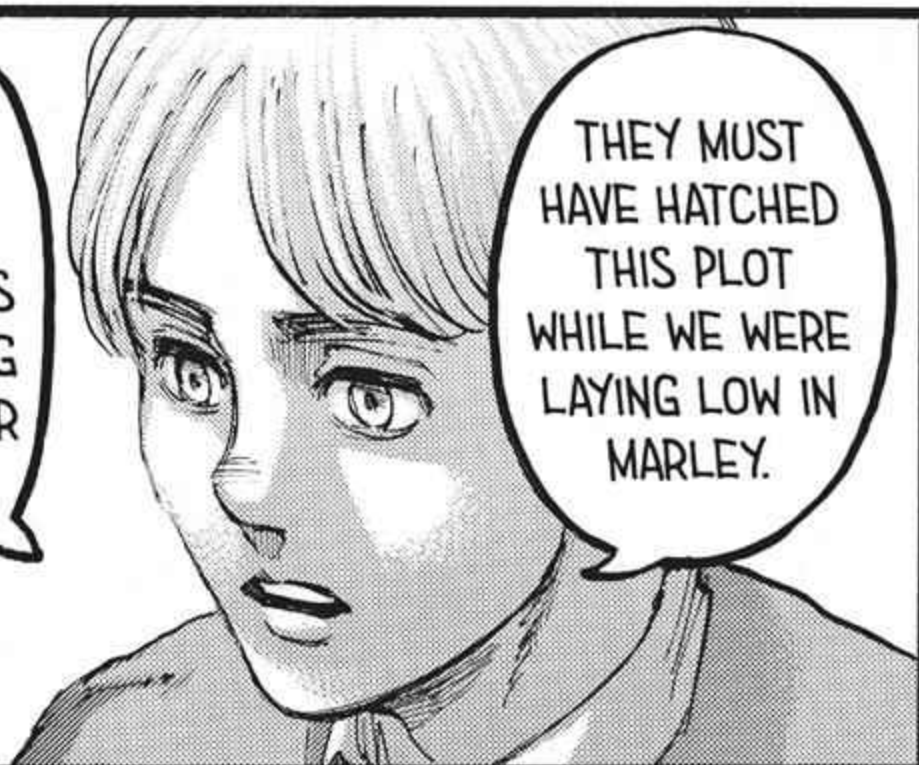
I CAN'T BELIEVE PIXIS WOULD USE THESE STRONG-ARM TACTICS...

I...

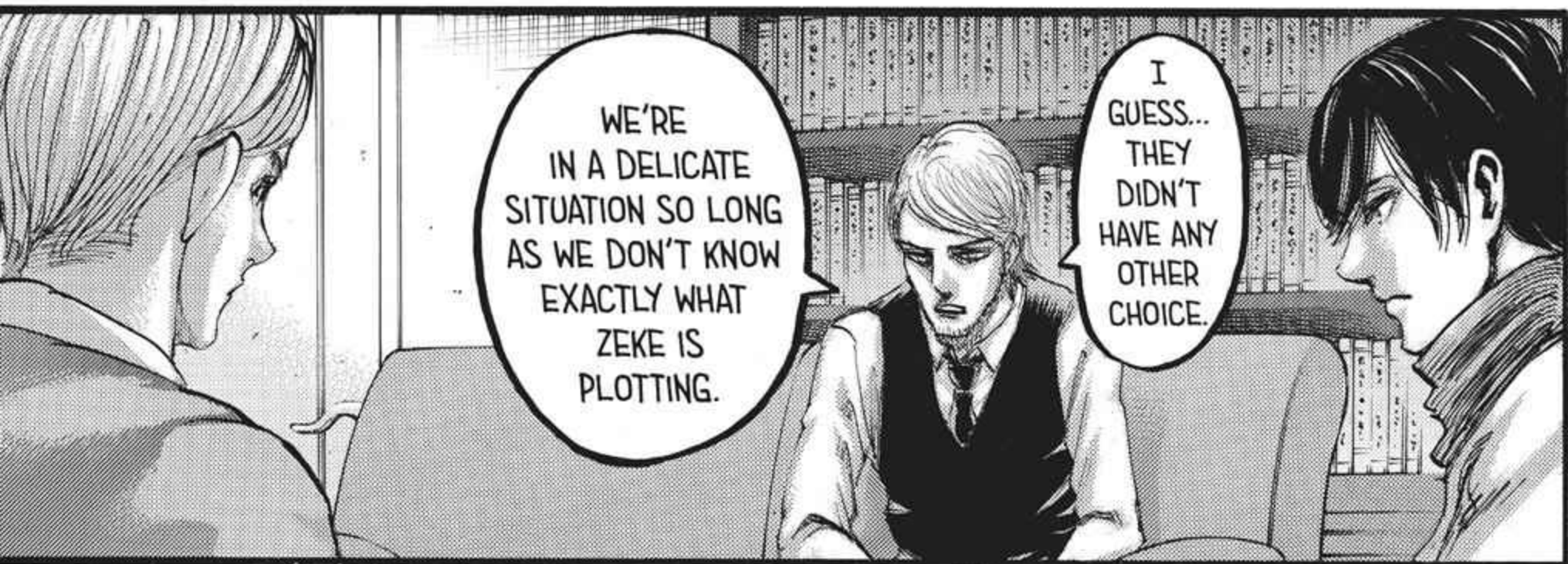


THEY DIDN'T INFORM THE SURVEY CORPS BECAUSE OF OUR CLOSE TIES TO THEM...

THEY'RE BREAKING UP THE VOLUNTEERS AND PUTTING THEM UNDER HOUSE ARREST.



THEY MUST HAVE HATCHED THIS PLOT WHILE WE WERE LAYING LOW IN MARLEY.



WE'RE IN A DELICATE SITUATION SO LONG AS WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT ZEKE IS PLOTTING.

I GUESS... THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE.



...ONLY THOSE TWO KNOW FOR SURE.



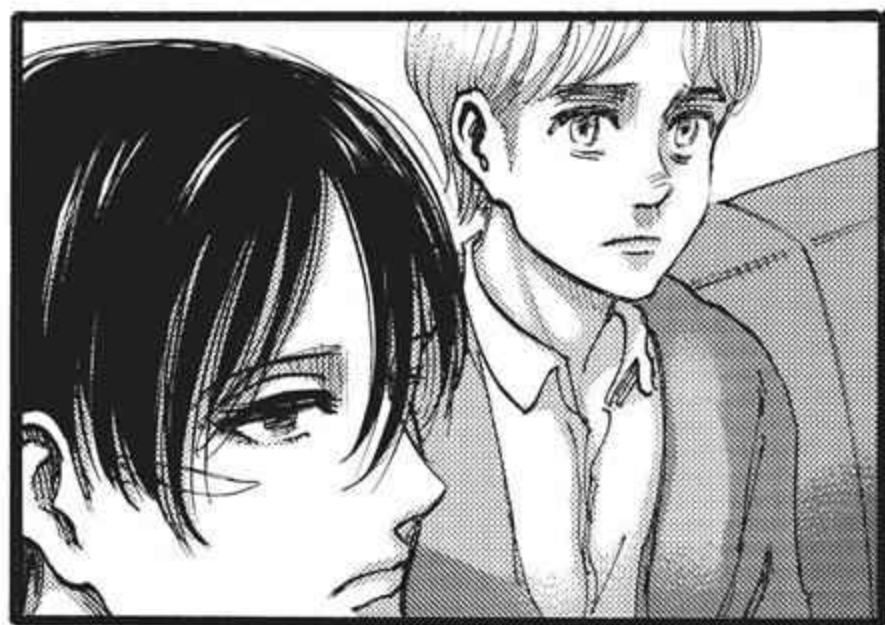
HE DECIDED ON HIS OWN TO CONTACT ZEKE... AND WHAT THEY SPOKE ABOUT...

AND EREN SUDDENLY STARTED GOING ALONG WITH ZEKE'S PLAN.



ALL
OF
YOU.

...
HEY.



DID THAT
LOOK LIKE
EREN TO
YOU?



...OF
PICKING
HIS HALF-
BROTHER
OVER US,
THEN...

IF
HE'S
CAPABLE
...



THAT
WASN'T
EREN.

IT
DIDN'T
TO ME.

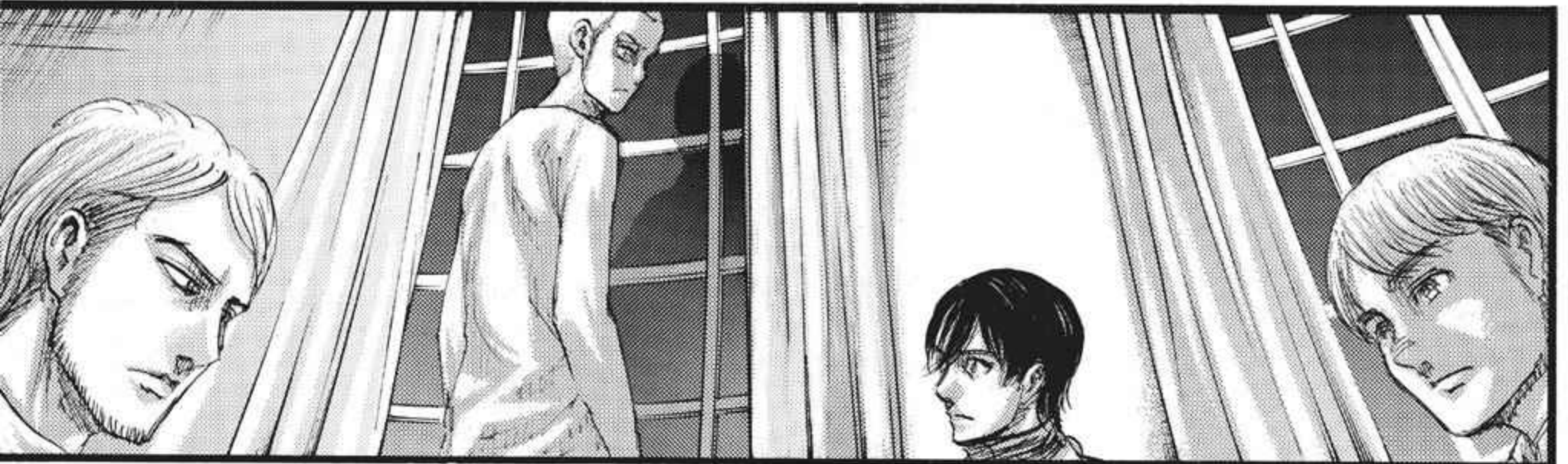


WE
NEED TO BE
PREPARED TO
CUT HIM DOWN
OURSELVES.



...
THEN
...

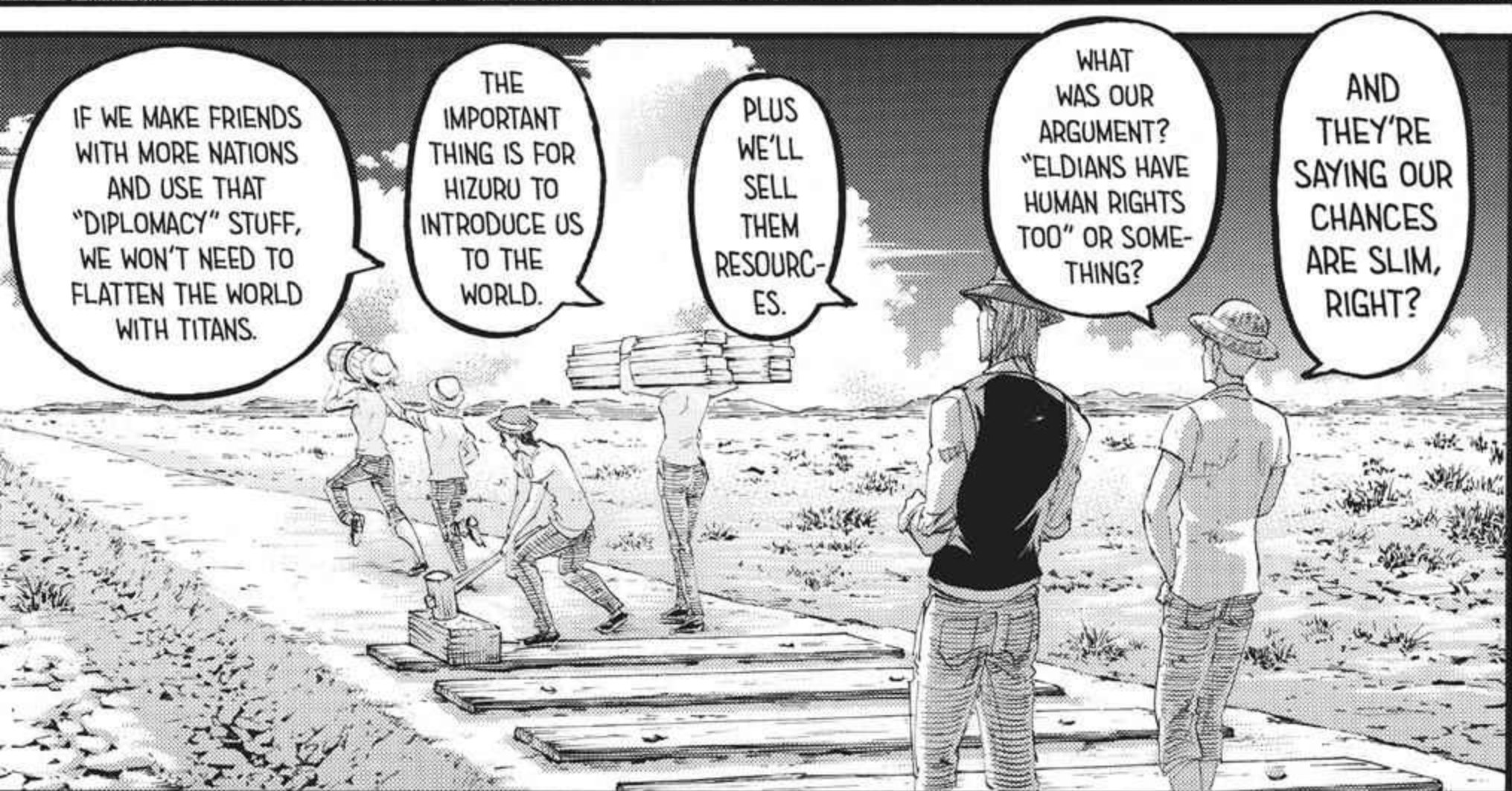
...
WHAT
?







WELL...IT'S TRUE THAT WE ARE JUST WAITING FOR AN ANSWER FROM HIZURU NOW...



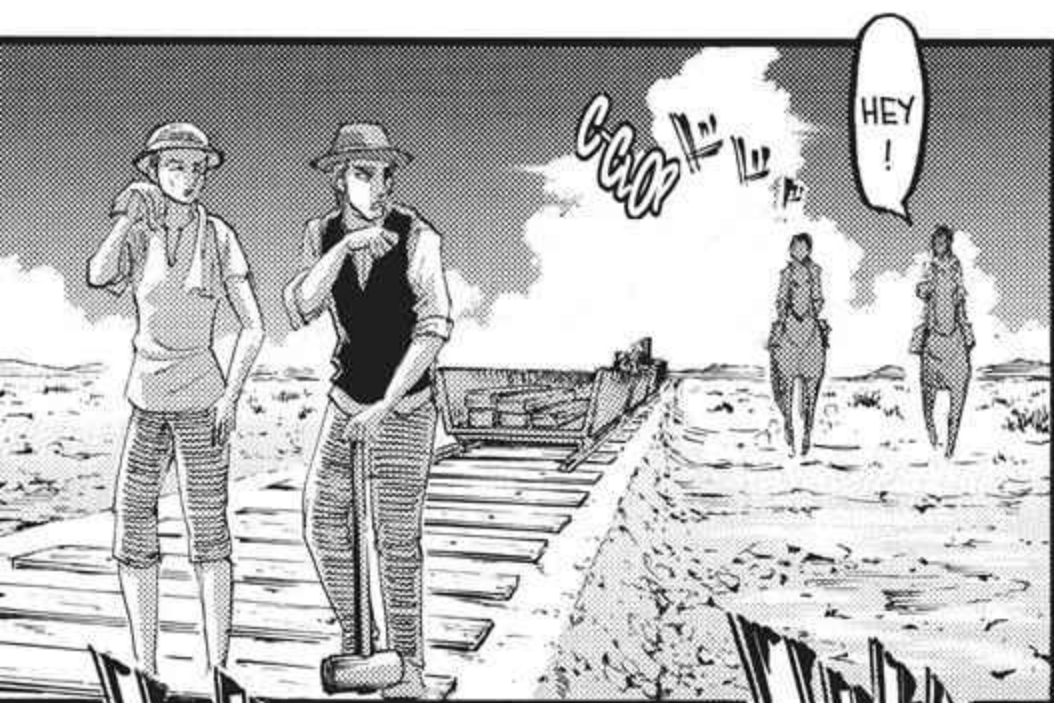
IF WE MAKE FRIENDS WITH MORE NATIONS AND USE THAT "DIPLOMACY" STUFF, WE WON'T NEED TO FLATTEN THE WORLD WITH TITANS.

THE IMPORTANT THING IS FOR HIZURU TO INTRODUCE US TO THE WORLD.

PLUS WE'LL SELL THEM RESOURCES.

WHAT WAS OUR ARGUMENT? "ELDIANS HAVE HUMAN RIGHTS TOO" OR SOMETHING?

AND THEY'RE SAYING OUR CHANCES ARE SLIM, RIGHT?



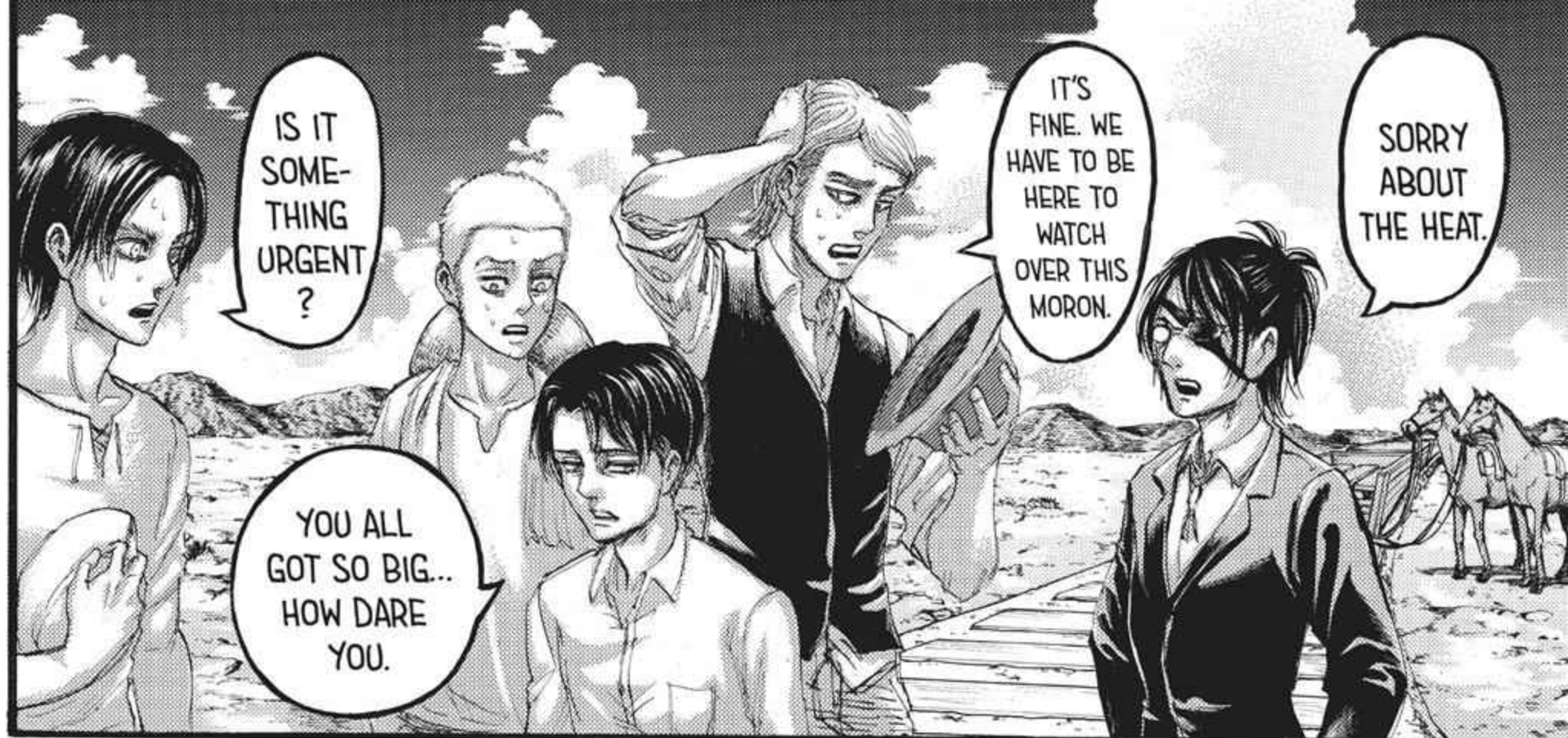
HEY!



...WE HAVE TO GIVE IT A TRY.

AND IF THAT SAVES HISTORIA FROM SUFFERING ...

YEAH.



IS IT
SOME-
THING
URGENT
?

IT'S
FINE. WE
HAVE TO BE
HERE TO
WATCH
OVER THIS
MORON.

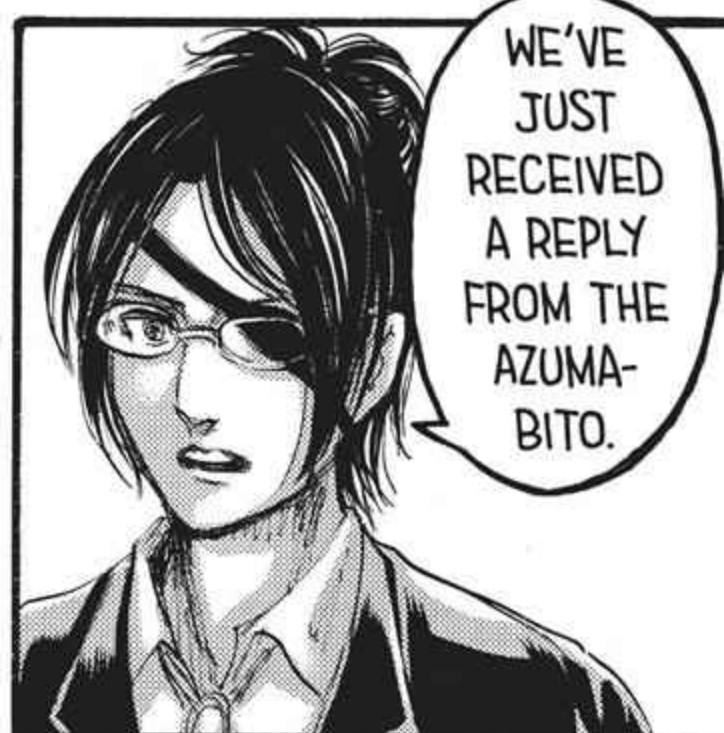
SORRY
ABOUT
THE HEAT.

YOU ALL
GOT SO BIG...
HOW DARE
YOU.



AND
...

!!



WE'VE
JUST
RECEIVED
A REPLY
FROM THE
AZUMA-
BITO.



LOOKS
LIKE HIZURU
CAME UP
EMPTY-
HANDED.

NO
GOOD
...



...BUT
THEY'RE
CONSIDERED
FREAKS. NO
ONE WILL
TAKE THEM
SERIOUSLY.

SURE,
THERE ARE
ORGANIZATIONS
WHO WANT TO
PROTECT THE
RIGHTS OF
ELDIANS...

THEY'RE
NOT GOING
TO HELP
US TRADE
WITH OTHER
NATIONS.

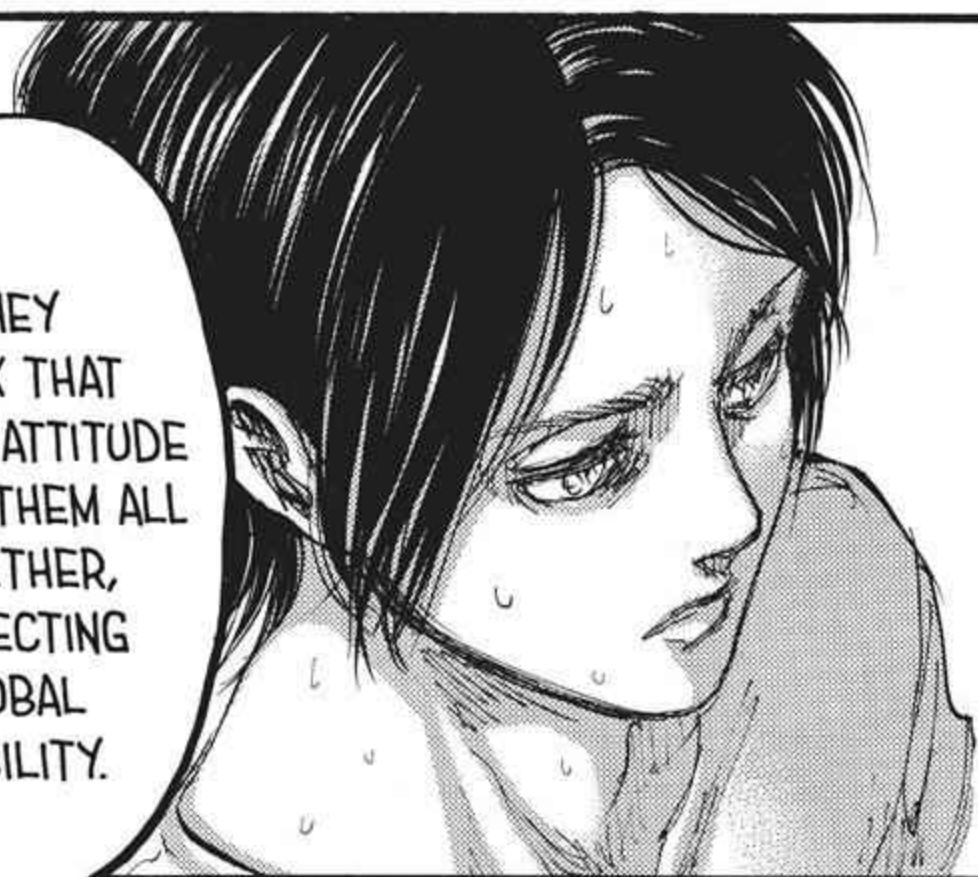
HIZURU
WAS INTERESTED
IN KEEPING OUR
RESOURCES ALL
FOR THEM-
SELVES.

I
KNEW
IT...



THEY
THINK THAT
SHARED ATTITUDE
BRINGS THEM ALL
TOGETHER,
PROTECTING
GLOBAL
STABILITY.

IN FACT,
THE WORLD
NEEDS PARADIS
TO BE THE ROOT
OF ALL EVIL...





...AND THAT
WE HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO SACRIFICE
HISTORIA?

SO...
DOES THAT
MEAN WE JUST
HAVE TO RELY
ON THE EARTH-
SHAKING...

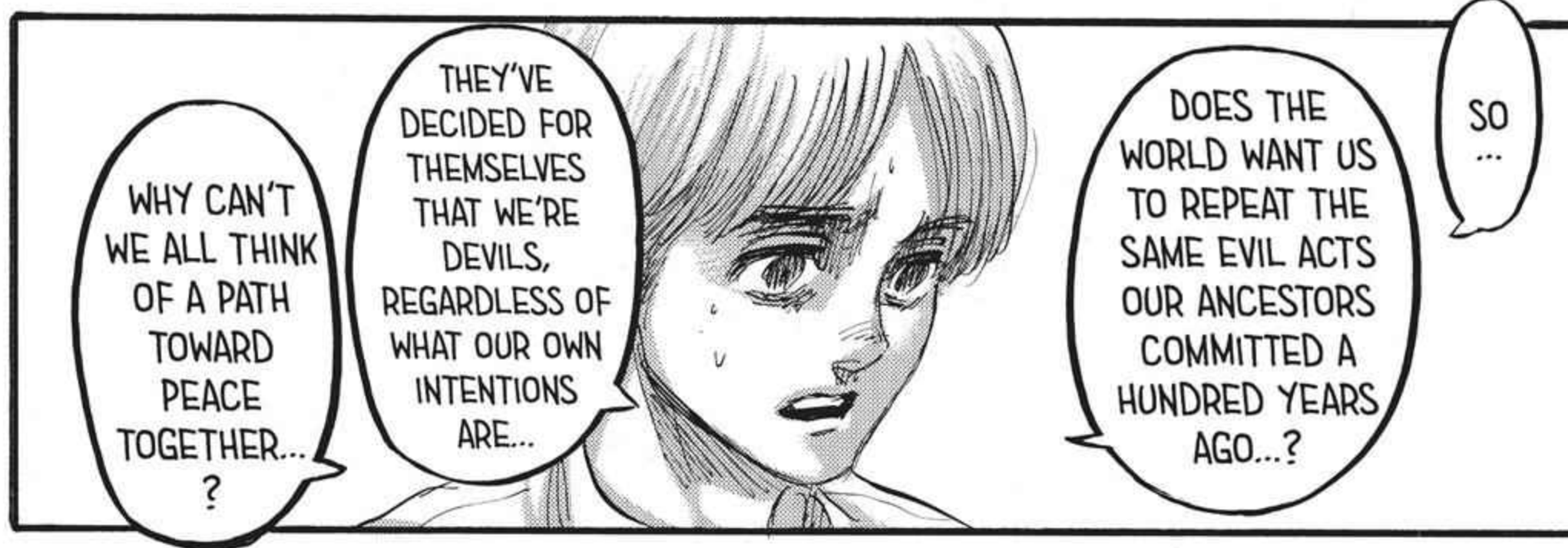


THAT'S
...



IT'S IN OUR
TREATY WITH
HIZURU THAT WE'LL
ENTER INTO A
MILITARY ALLIANCE
BACKED BY THE
EARTH-SHAKING.

...IT
DOES.



WHY CAN'T
WE ALL THINK
OF A PATH
TOWARD
PEACE
TOGETHER...
?

THEY'VE
DECIDED FOR
THEMSELVES
THAT WE'RE
DEVILS,
REGARDLESS OF
WHAT OUR OWN
INTENTIONS
ARE...

DOES THE
WORLD WANT US
TO REPEAT THE
SAME EVIL ACTS
OUR ANCESTORS
COMMITTED A
HUNDRED YEARS
AGO...?

SO
...

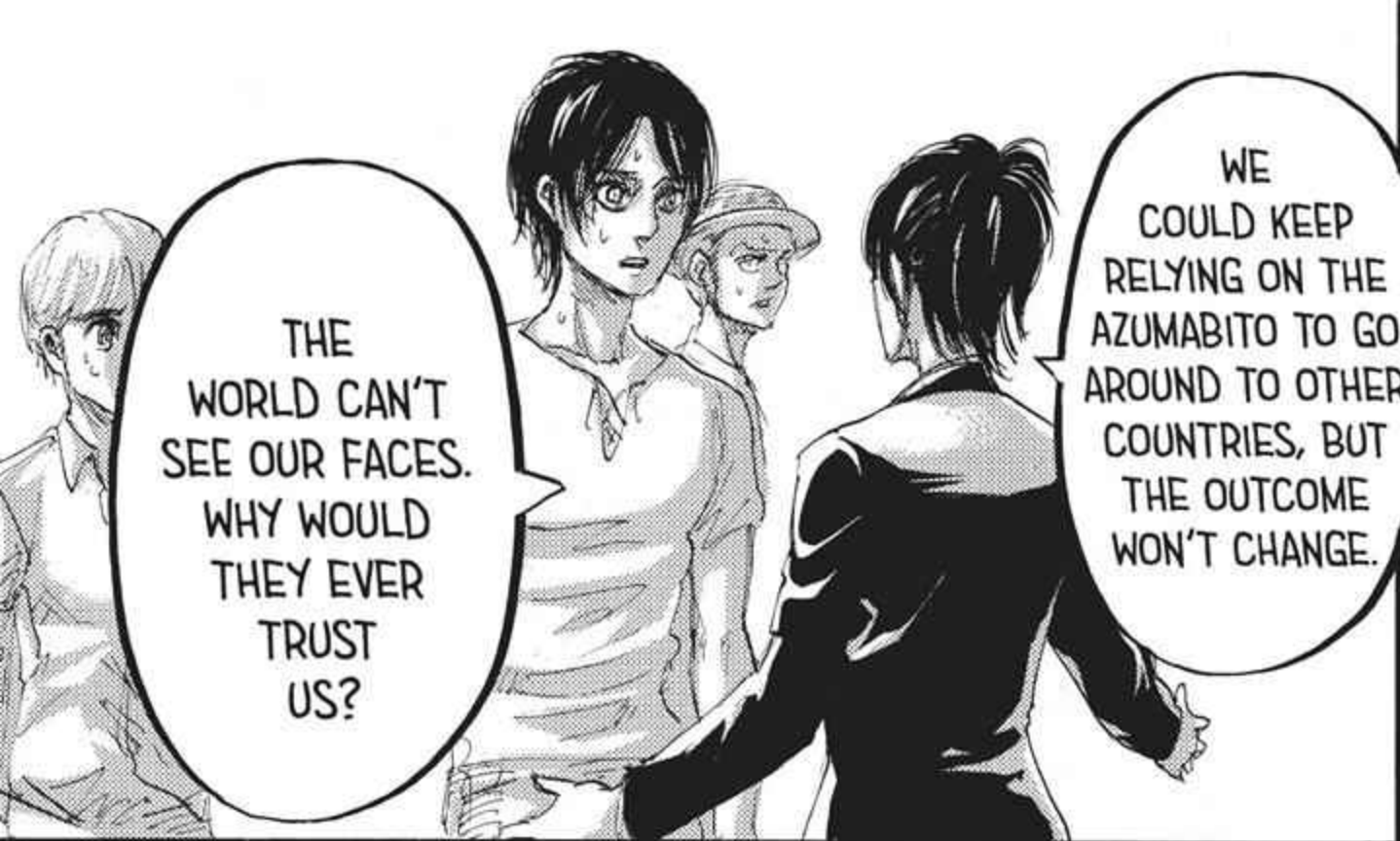


THEY
DON'T
KNOW WHO
WE ARE, SO
THEY'RE
SCARED
OF US.

...
PROB-
ABLY
...

...
BECAUSE
THEY
DON'T
KNOW.





THE
WORLD CAN'T
SEE OUR FACES.
WHY WOULD
THEY EVER
TRUST
US?

WE
COULD KEEP
RELYING ON THE
AZUMABITO TO GO
AROUND TO OTHER
COUNTRIES, BUT
THE OUTCOME
WON'T CHANGE.



...
THAT'S
IT.



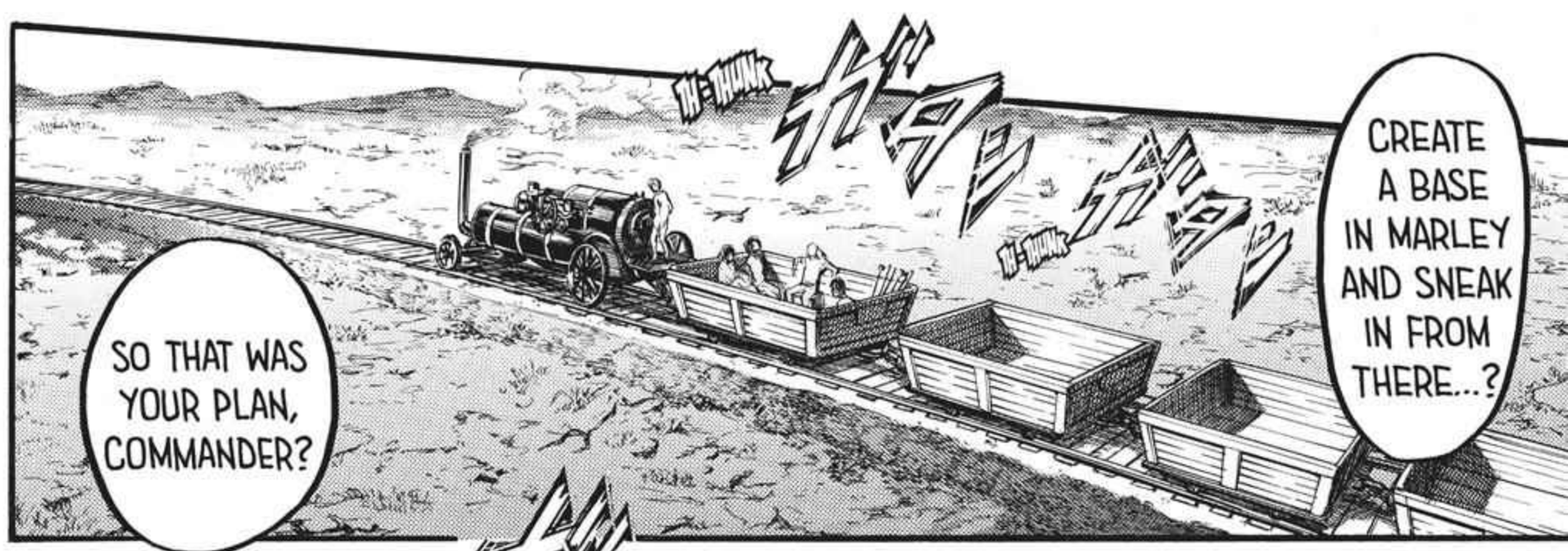
IF
THEY DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHO WE ARE, WE
JUST HAVE TO
TEACH THEM.

LET'S
MEET
THEM
OUR-
SELVES.

SO
...

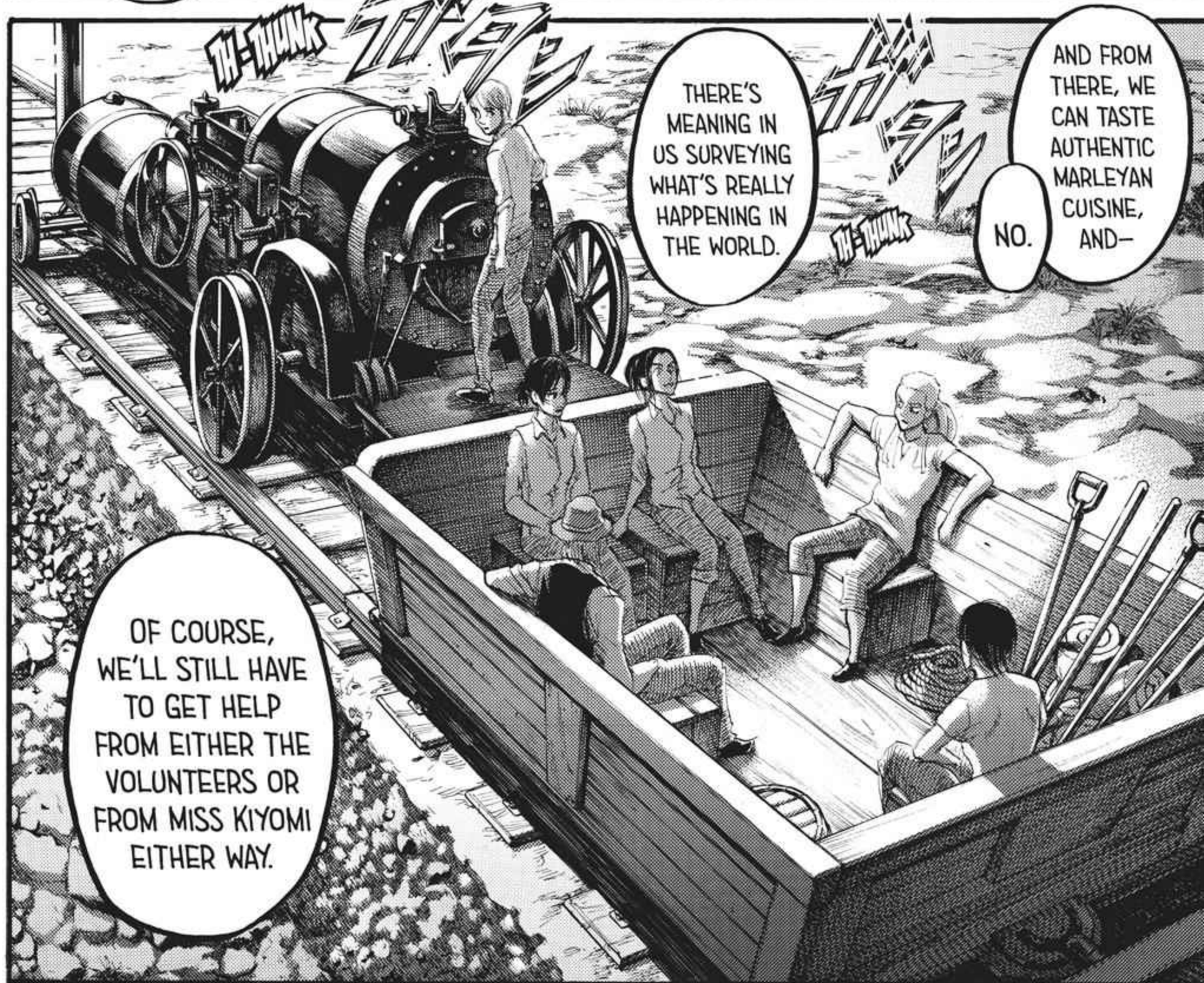


ISN'T
THAT
WHAT THE
SURVEY
CORPS IS
ABOUT?



SO THAT WAS
YOUR PLAN,
COMMANDER?

CREATE
A BASE
IN MARLEY
AND SNEAK
IN FROM
THERE...?



THERE'S
MEANING IN
US SURVEYING
WHAT'S REALLY
HAPPENING IN
THE WORLD.

AND FROM
THERE, WE
CAN TASTE
AUTHENTIC
MARLEYAN
CUISINE, AND—

NO.

OF COURSE,
WE'LL STILL HAVE
TO GET HELP
FROM EITHER THE
VOLUNTEERS OR
FROM MISS KIYOMI
EITHER WAY.



NICCOLO
SAID THEY
HAVE LOTS
OF KINDS OF
ALCOHOL,
RIGHT?

WERE
YOU LISTEN-
ING AT
ALL?

ANT-
ACIDS,
A TOOTH-
BRUSH...
AND A
SNACK
THAT
TASTES
OF
HOME.

HOPE
I DON'T
GET A
STOMACH
BUG.

HUH,
WHAT
SHOULD
I
BRING?





I
ONLY HAVE
FIVE AND
CHANGE...



WHO'S
GOING TO
INHERIT
MY TITAN.



WE NEED
TO DECIDE
SOON.



YOU'RE
HALF-EASTERN,
TOO. WE DON'T
EVEN KNOW
IF YOU CAN
BECOME A
TITAN, RIGHT?

WE STILL
DON'T KNOW
WHAT THE
ACKERMAN
FAMILY IS.



YOU
KNOW
YOU
CAN'T.

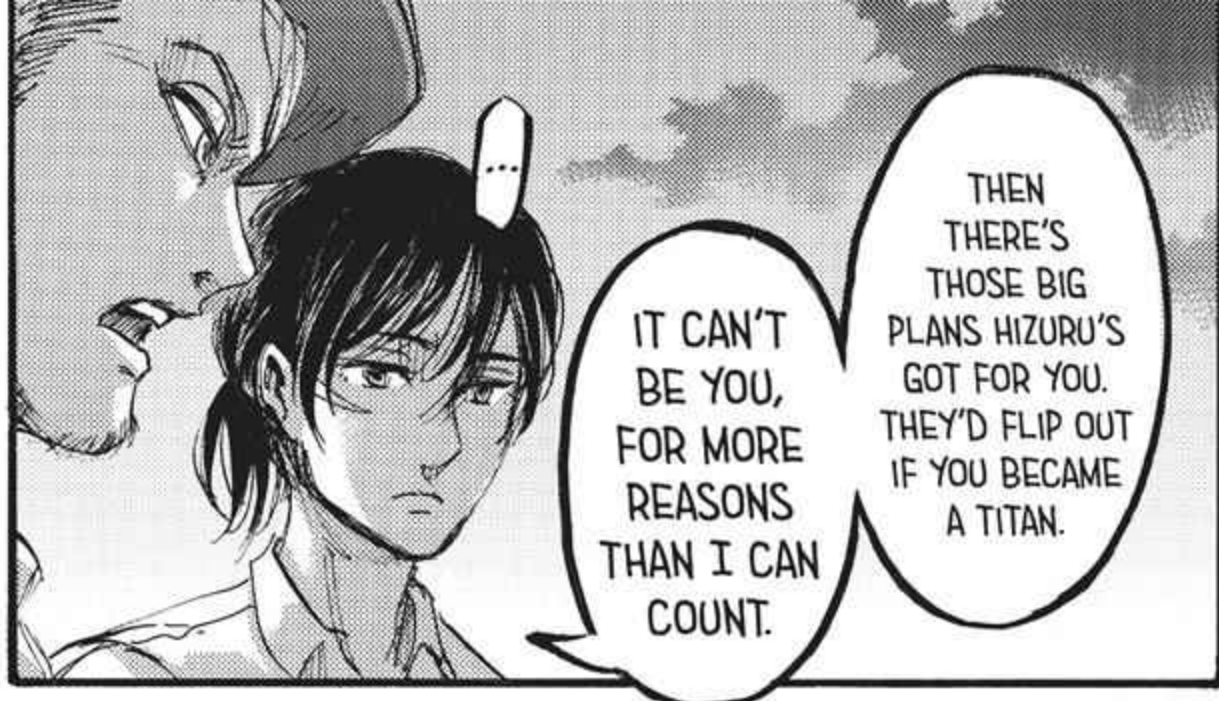
I
WILL.



JEAN'S
RIGHT.



...THEN
WHO
ELSE?



IT CAN'T
BE YOU,
FOR MORE
REASONS
THAN I CAN
COUNT.

THEN
THERE'S
THOSE BIG
PLANS HIZURU'S
GOT FOR YOU.
THEY'D FLIP OUT
IF YOU BECAME
A TITAN.



ME.



I'M NO SUICIDAL
BUTTHEAD. I'LL ALWAYS BE
ABLE TO USE MY EXCELLENT
POWERS OF JUDGEMENT NO
MATTER THE SITUATION. I'M
A RARE SPECIMEN WHO CAN
CARRY OUT ALL THE DUTIES
THAT'D BE NEEDED
OF ME.

FIRST
OFF, I'M
WAY
SMARTER
THAN
EREN.



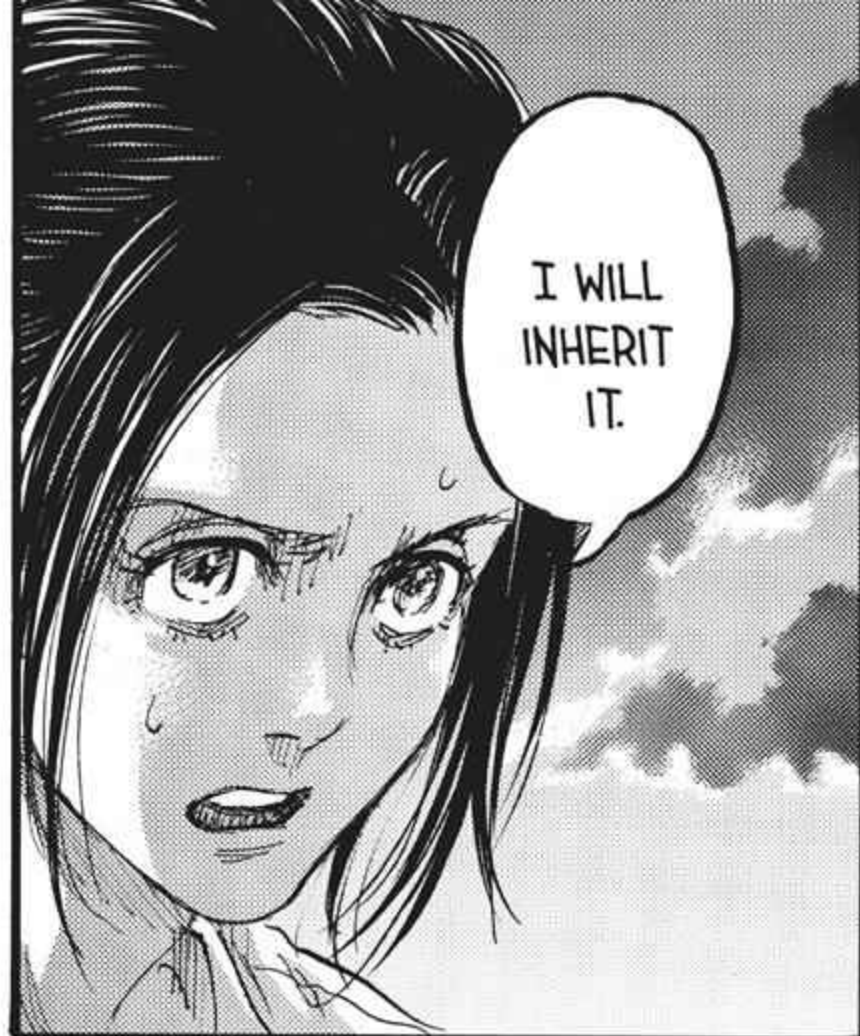
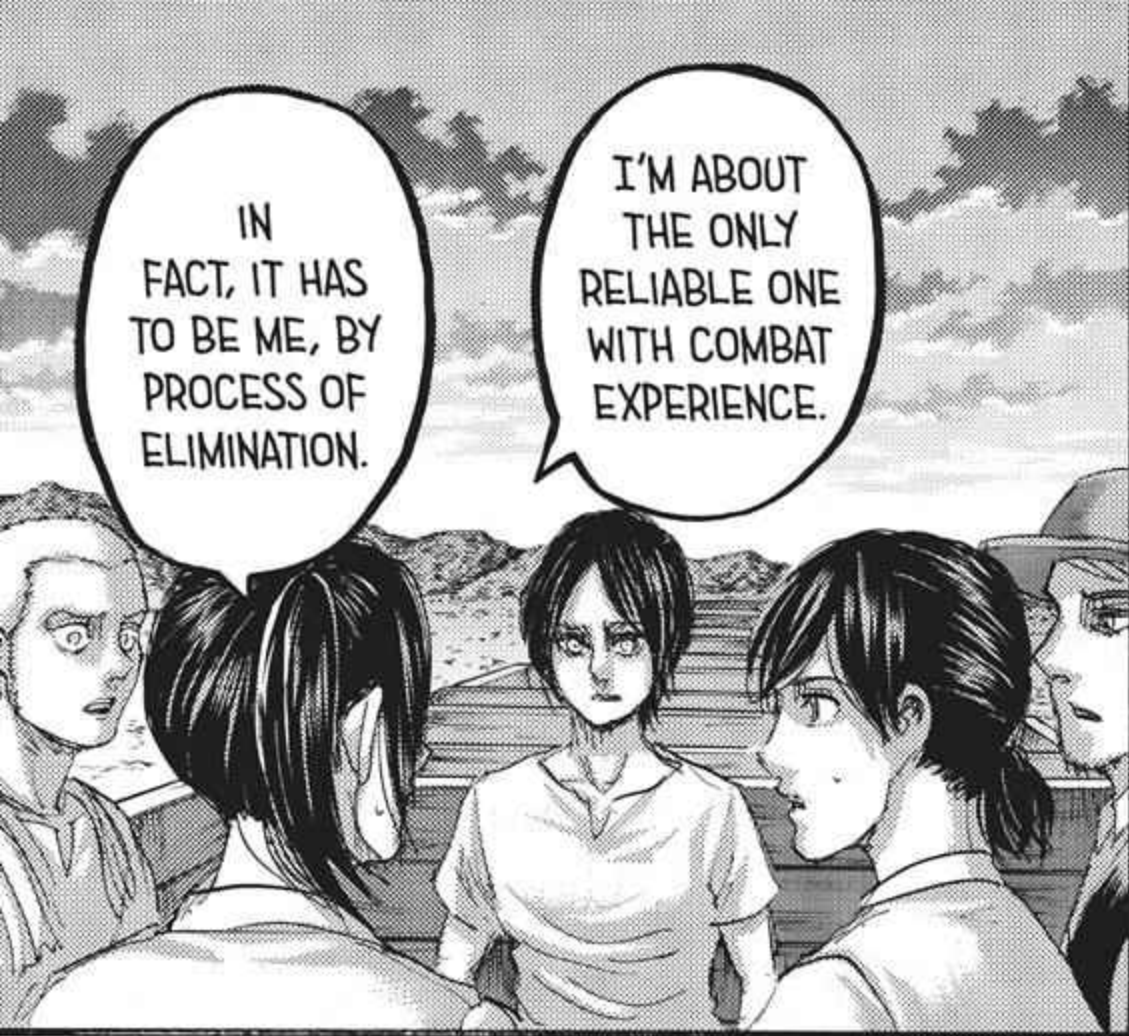
...BUT
REALLY,
WHO
BETTER
THAN ME?

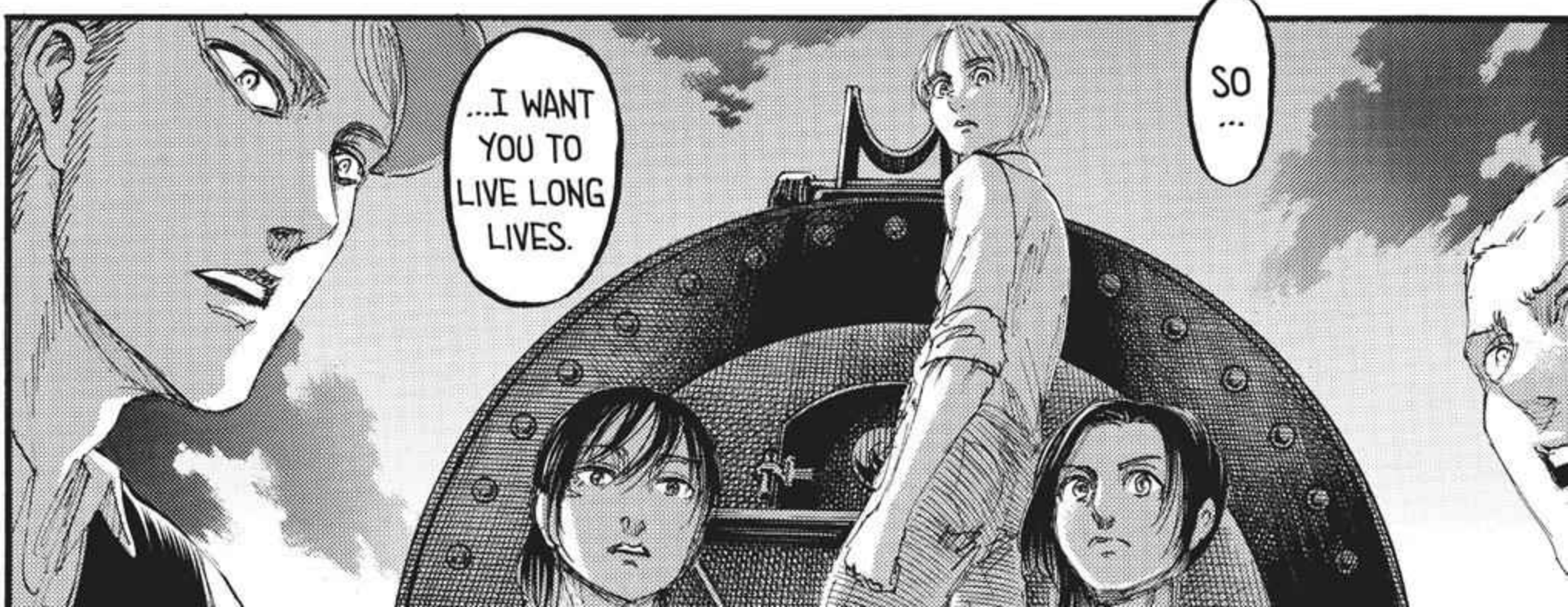
GETTING
A HAND-ME-
DOWN FROM
EREN IS
ANNOYING...

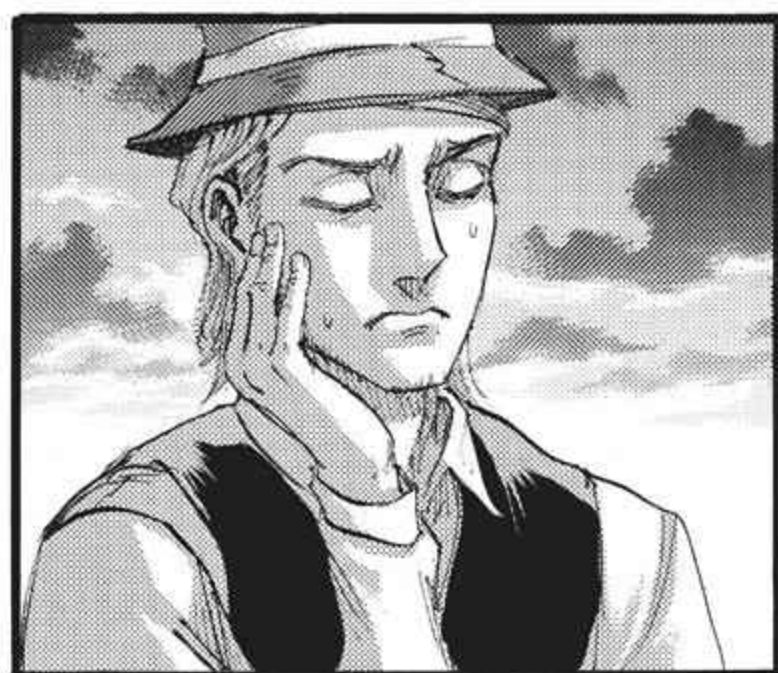
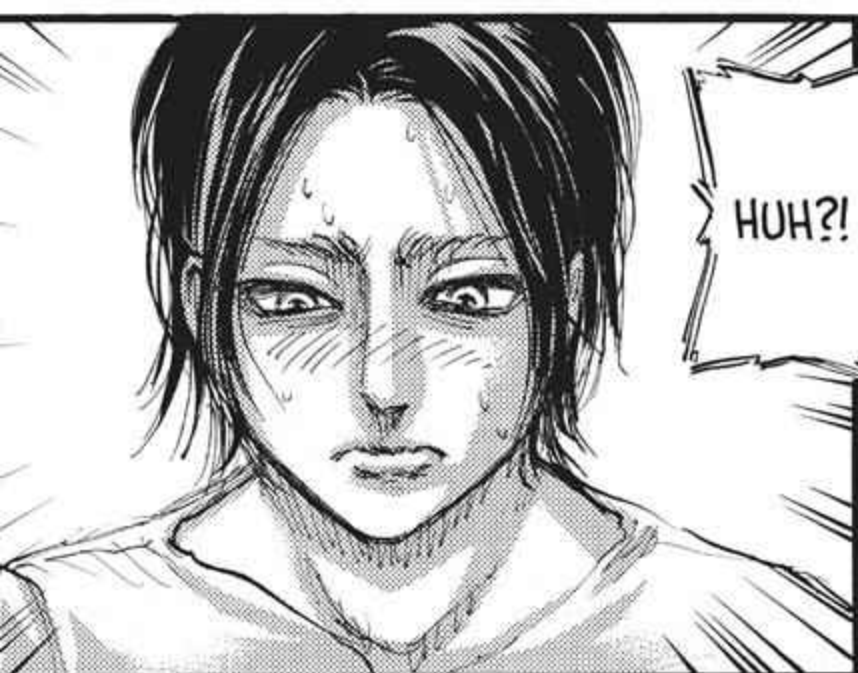
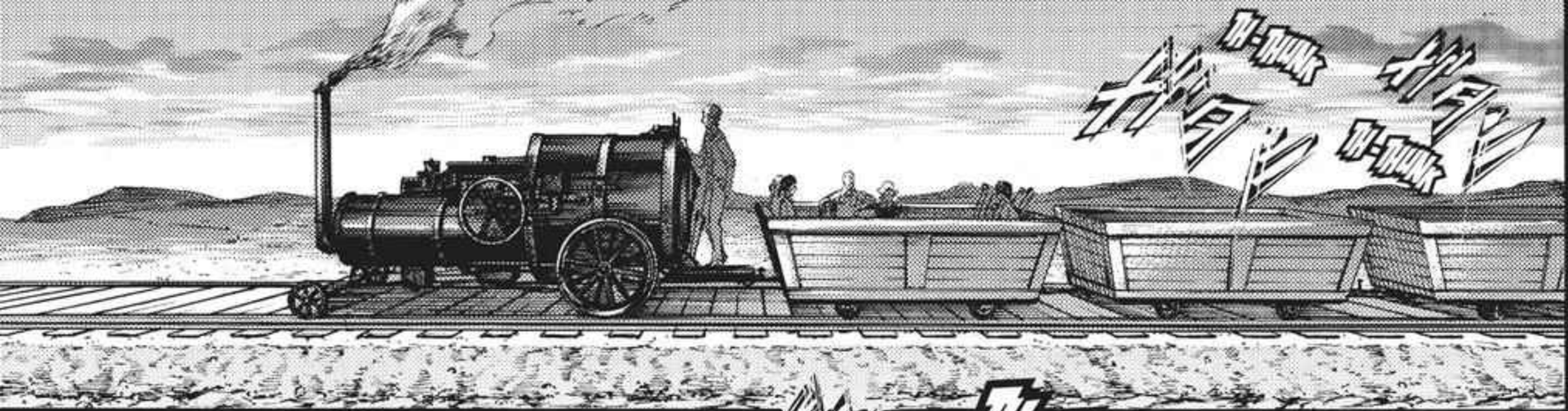


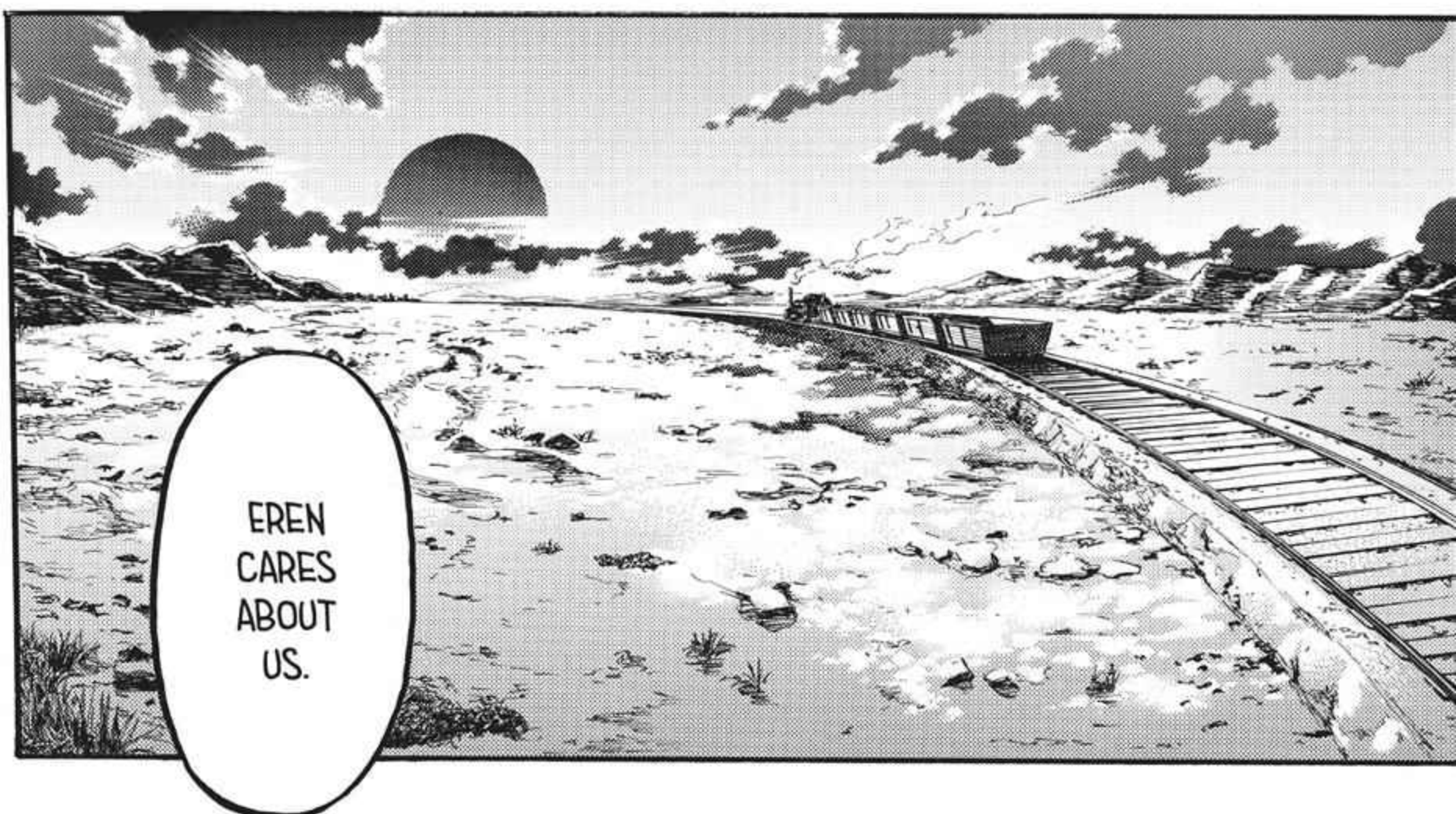
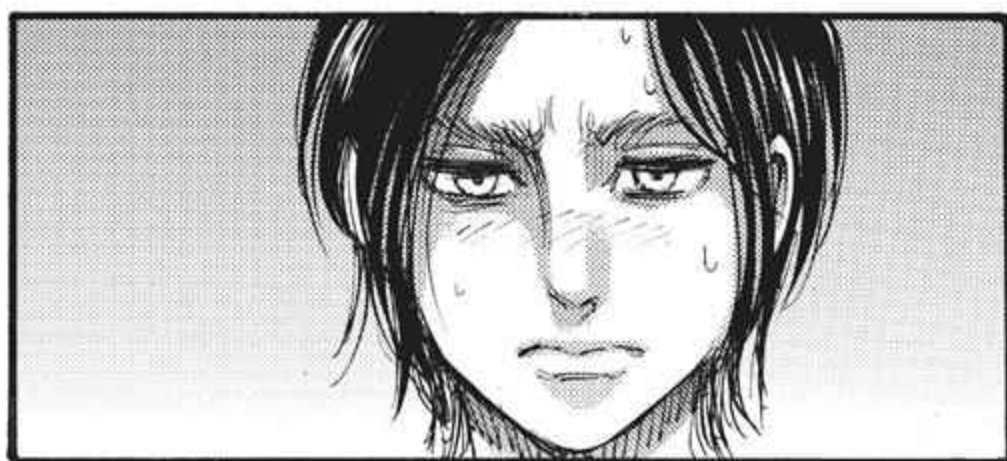
THAT'S
RIGHT,
ME.

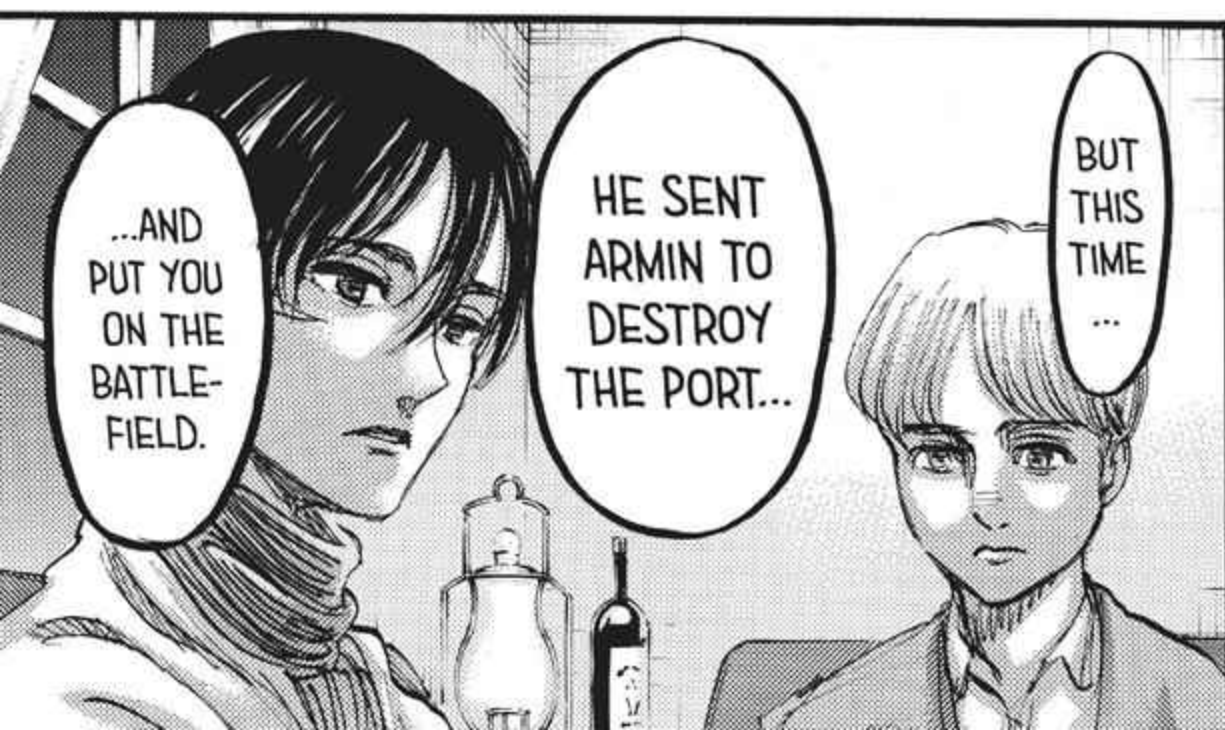
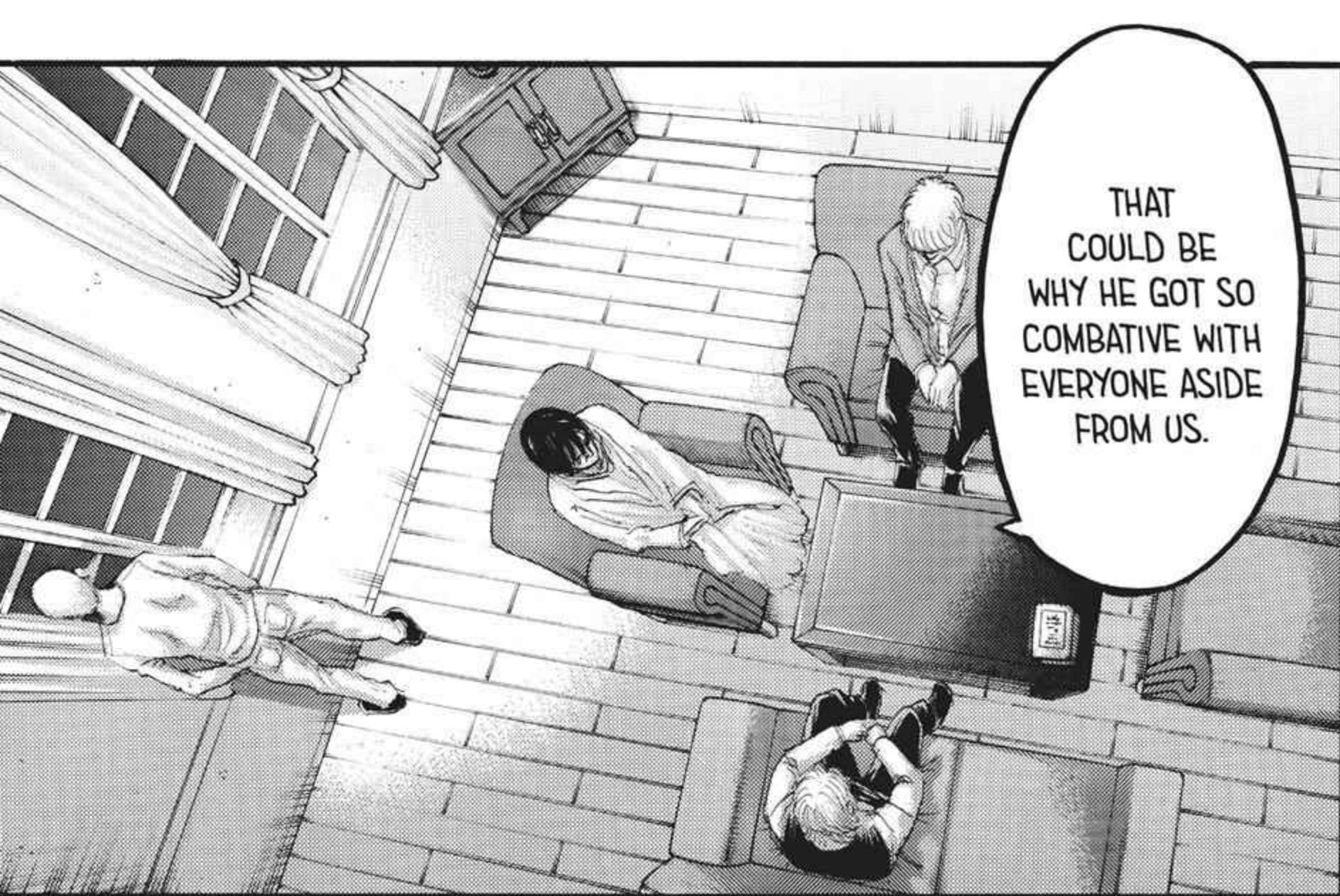






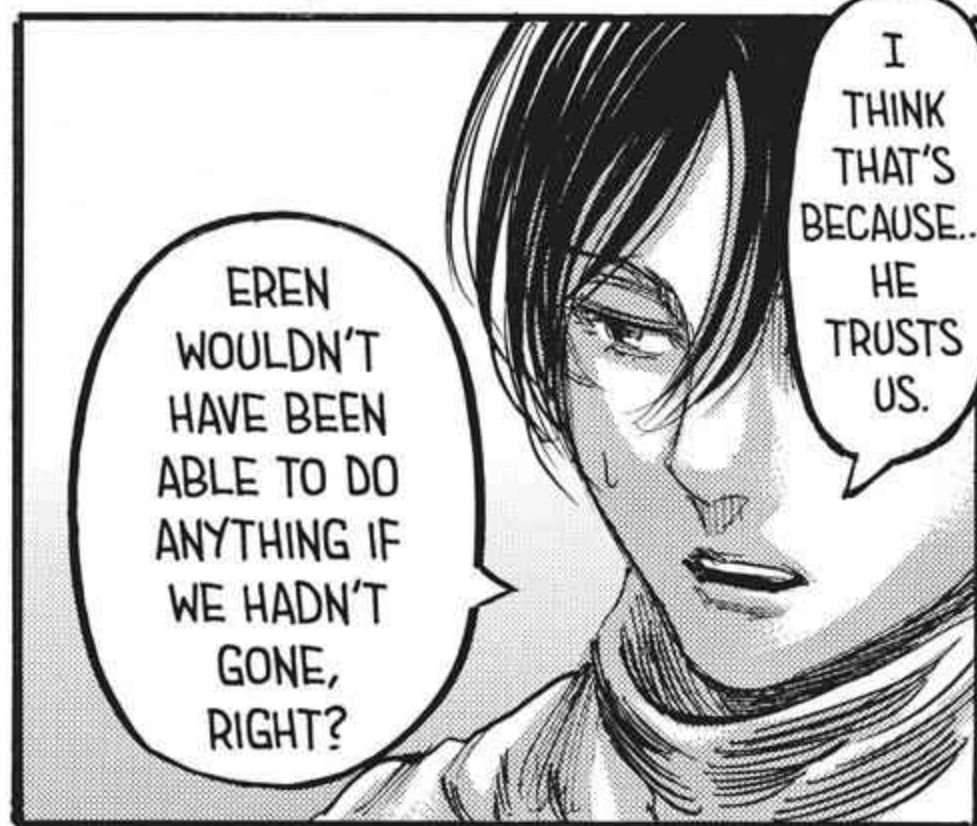








I...



EREN
WOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN
ABLE TO DO
ANYTHING IF
WE HADN'T
GONE,
RIGHT?

I
THINK
THAT'S
BECAUSE...
HE
TRUSTS
US.



...
AND
SASHA.

SAME
WITH EVERYONE
ELSE HE SAID
WAS IMPORTANT
TO HIM. ME,
CONNIE...



SASHA
WOULDN'T
HAVE HAD
TO DIE,
EITHER.



IF WE
HADN'T
GONE...



WHAT
DO YOU
THINK EREN
DID WHEN
SASHA
DIED?

MI-
KASA
...



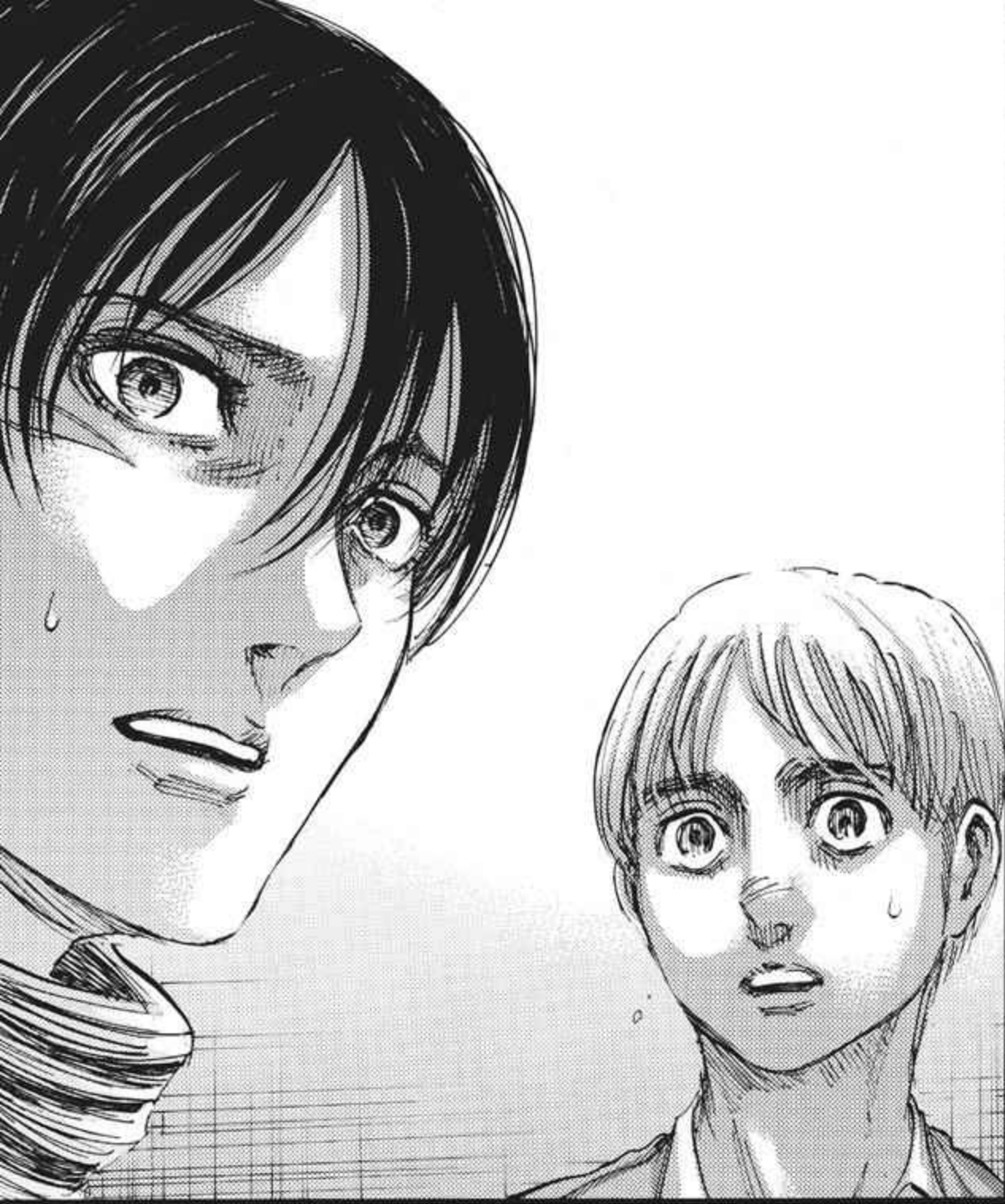
...
CONNIE.

STOP.

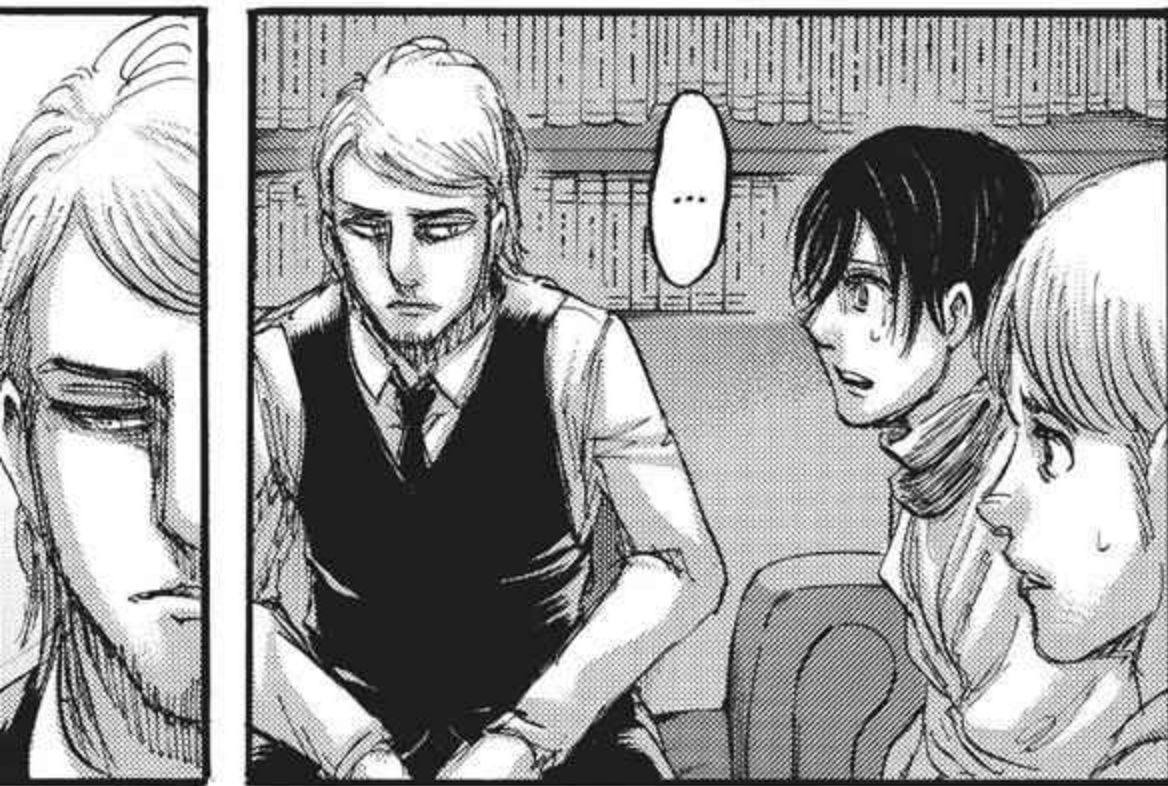


DO YOU
THINK
HE WAS
ANGRY?

DO
YOU
THINK
HE
CRIED?



THE
BASTARD
LAUGHED.



WHAT
EXACTLY
ABOUT
SASHA'S
DEATH
...

I
WONDER
WHAT
COULD'VE
BEEN SO
FUNNY.



RIGHT
?

YOU
KNOW
EVERY-
THING
ABOUT
HIM.

WHY
DID
EREN
LAUGH?



TELL
ME,
MIKASA.



WE'LL
TALK TO
EREN.



....AND
WHAT'S A
**DISCUS-
SION**
GOING
TO DO?



WE'LL
FINAGLE OUR
WAY INTO A
DISCUSSION
WITH HIM.

JUST
ME,
MIKASA,
AND
HIM...

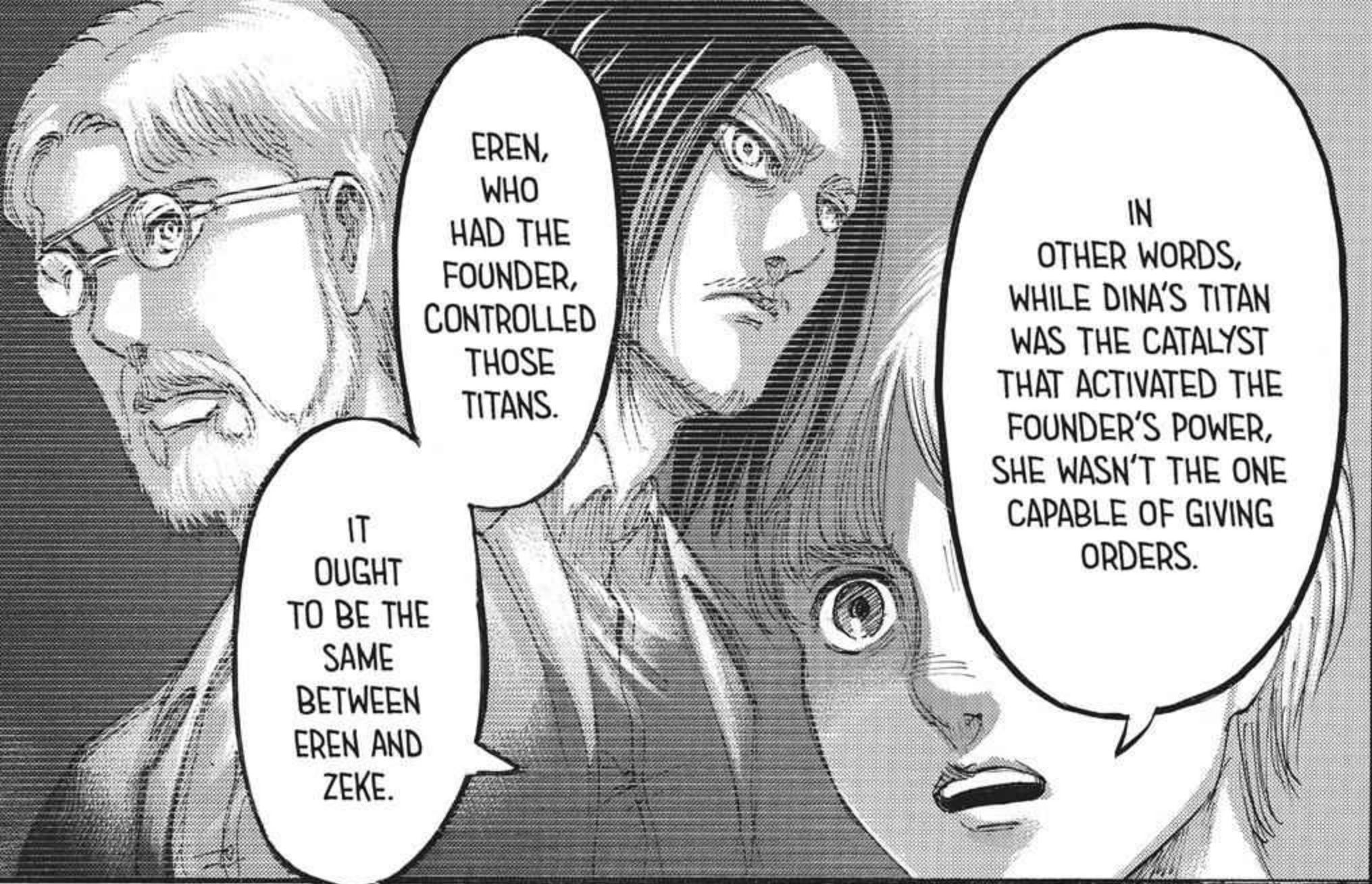


...DINA,
A TITAN WITH
ROYAL BLOOD,
WAS EATEN BY
A SWARM OF
TITANS.

THE
ONE TIME
IN THE PAST
THAT EREN
USED THE
FOUNDER'S
POWER...

THAT
WASN'T
DINA'S WILL,
IT WAS WHAT
EREN
WANTED.





EREN,
WHO
HAD THE
FOUNDER,
CONTROLLED
THOSE
TITANS.

IT
OUGHT
TO BE THE
SAME
BETWEEN
EREN AND
ZEKE.

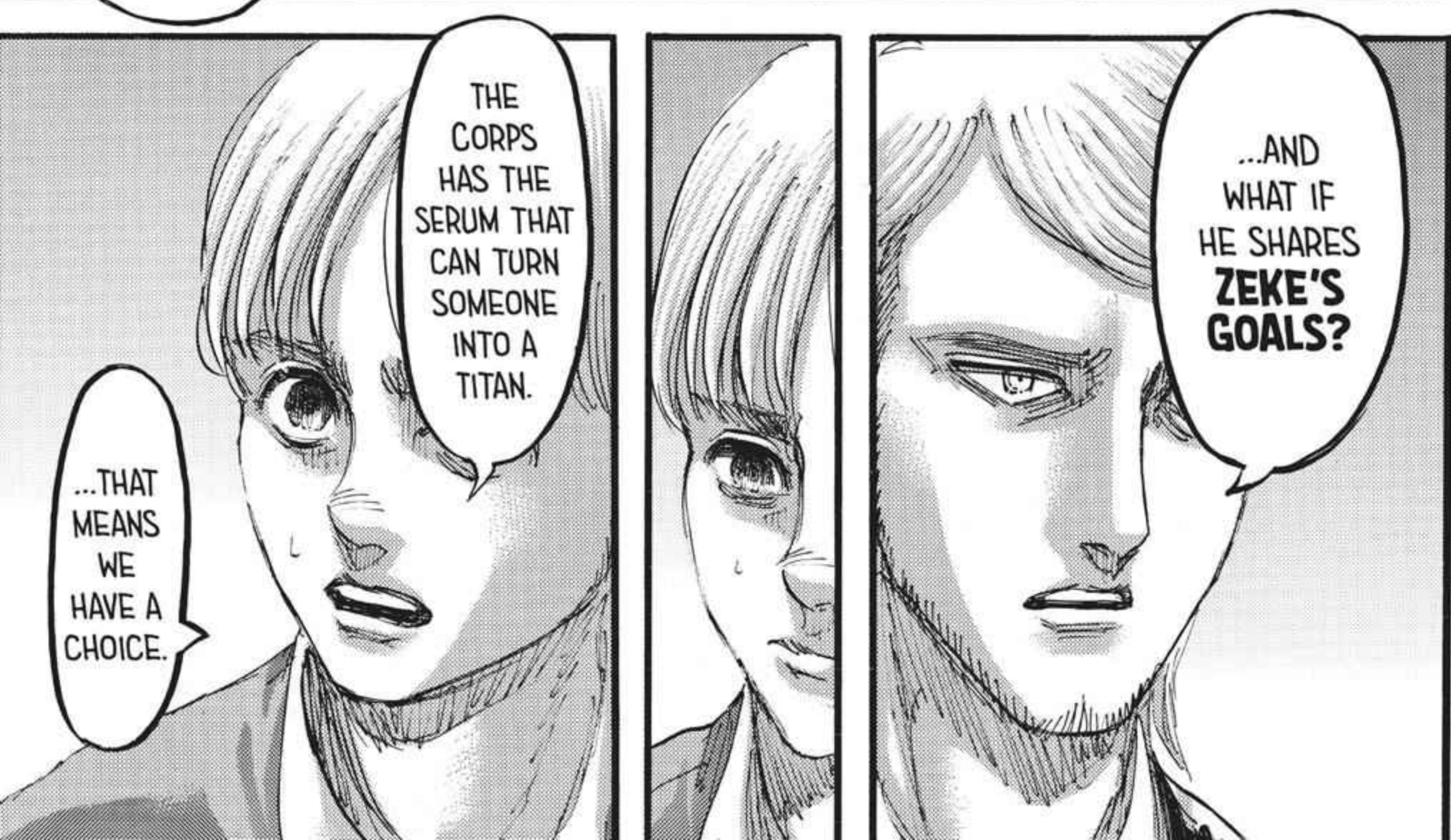
IN
OTHER WORDS,
WHILE DINA'S TITAN
WAS THE CATALYST
THAT ACTIVATED THE
FOUNDER'S POWER,
SHE WASN'T THE ONE
CAPABLE OF GIVING
ORDERS.



EREN'S
THE ONE WHO
DECIDES WHAT
HAPPENS. AS
LONG AS HE
SHARES OUR
GOALS, THERE'S
NO PROBLEM.

WHATEVER
ZEKE MIGHT
BE PLANNING, IT
WON'T HAPPEN
UNLESS IT'S WHAT
EREN WANTS,
TOO.

IN
THAT
CASE
...



...THAT
MEANS
WE
HAVE A
CHOICE.

THE
CORPS
HAS THE
SERUM THAT
CAN TURN
SOMEONE
INTO A
TITAN.

...AND
WHAT IF
HE SHARES
**ZEKE'S
GOALS?**



...AND
HAVE
THEM
INHERIT
EREN'S
FOUNDER.

THE
CHOICE
TO TURN
SOMEONE
ELSE WHO WE
CAN **TRUST**
INTO A
TITAN...



YOU
DON'T
MEAN...



...
NO
!!



...
AND
PROVE
TO
EVERY-
ONE...

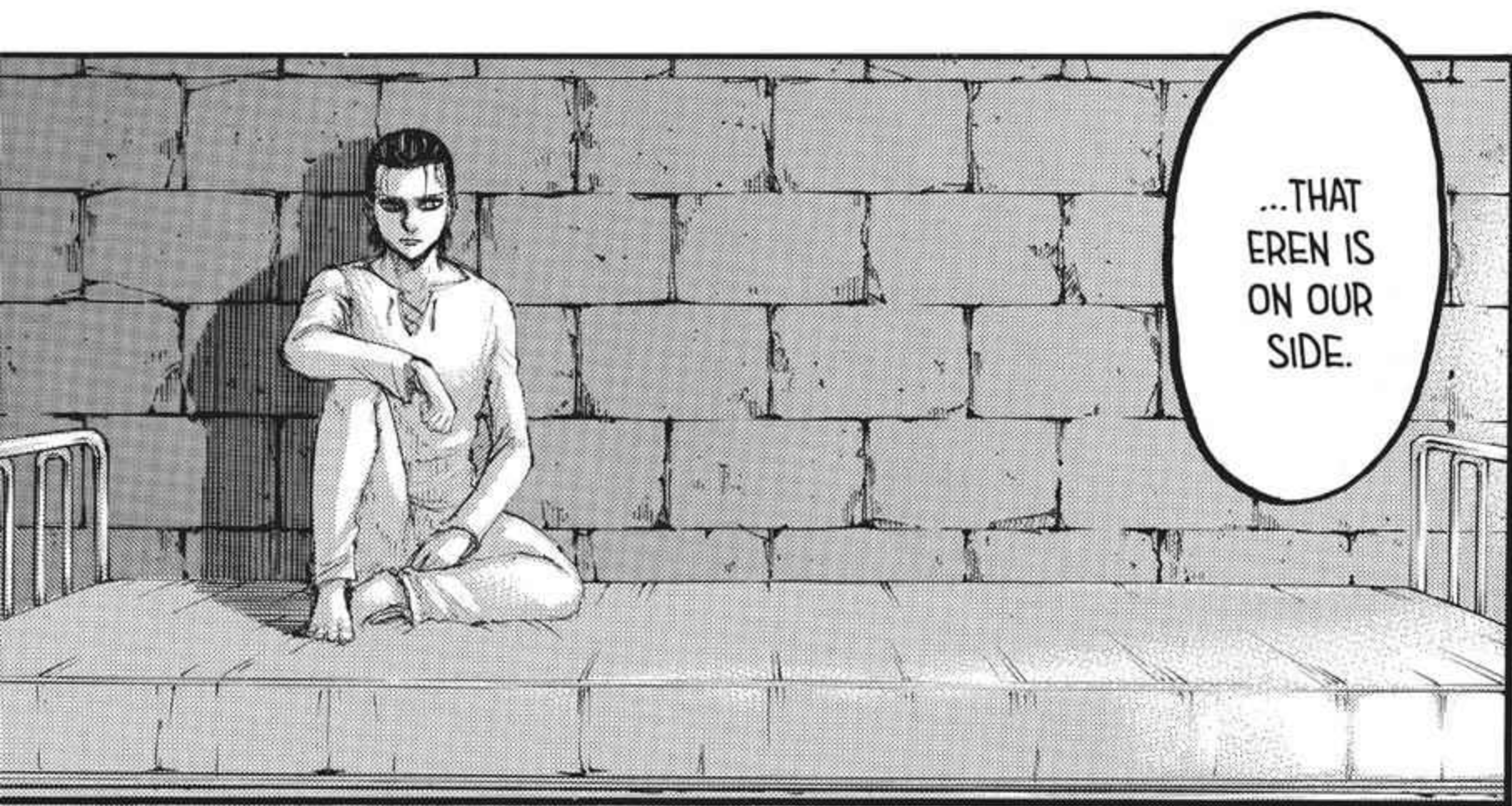
SO
WE HAVE
TO DISCOVER
EREN'S TRUE
MOTIVES...

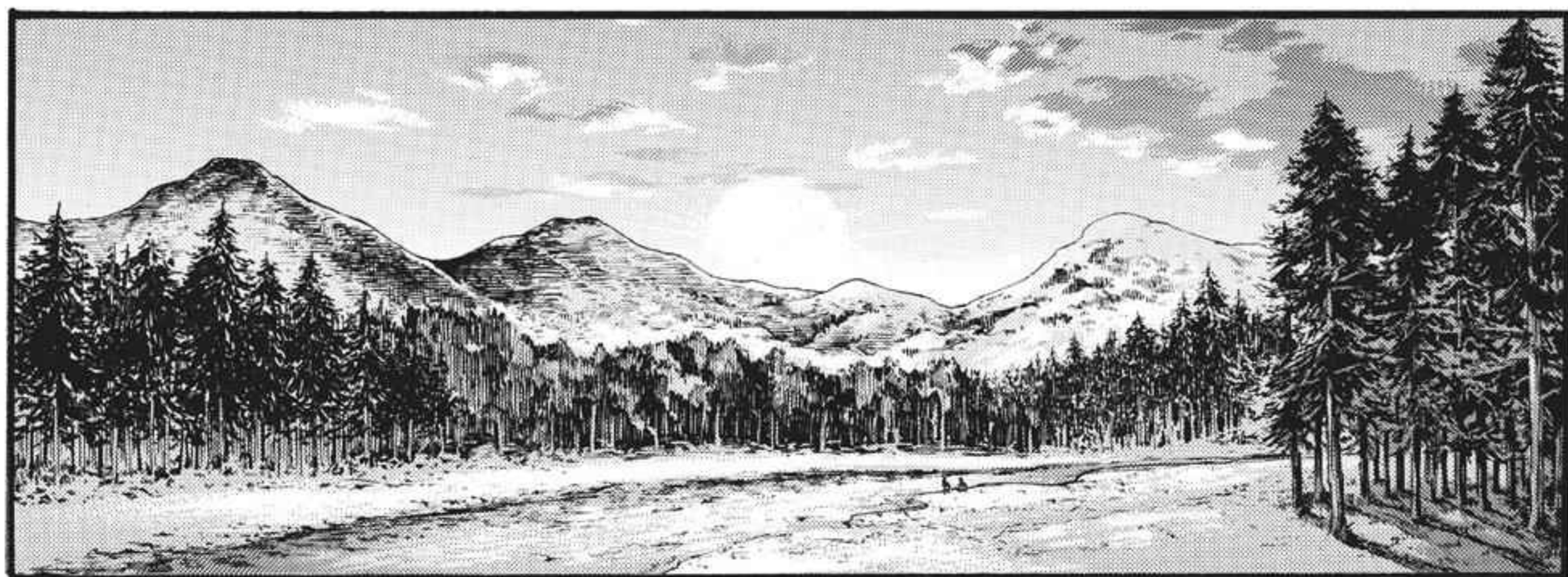


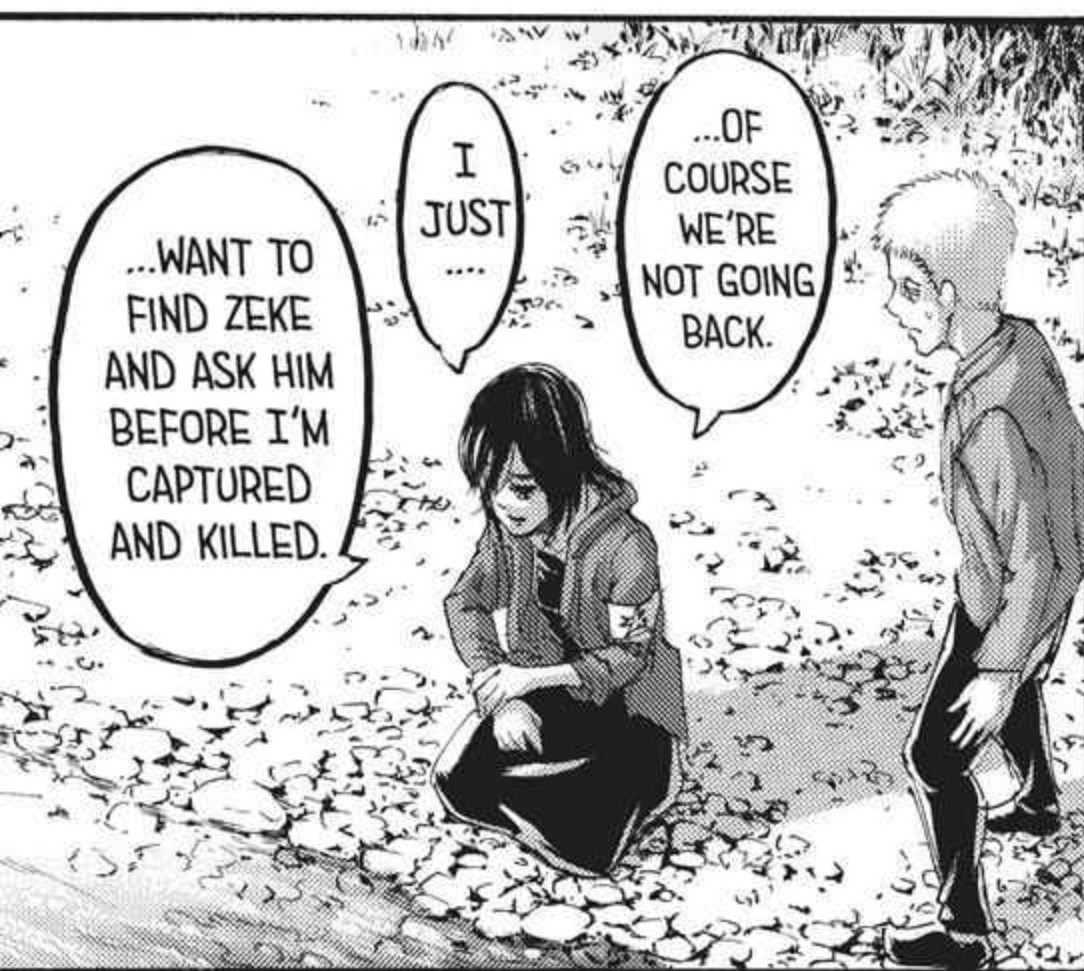
I
KNOW.

BUT
EREN
STILL
HAS TIME
LEFT...!

BAM

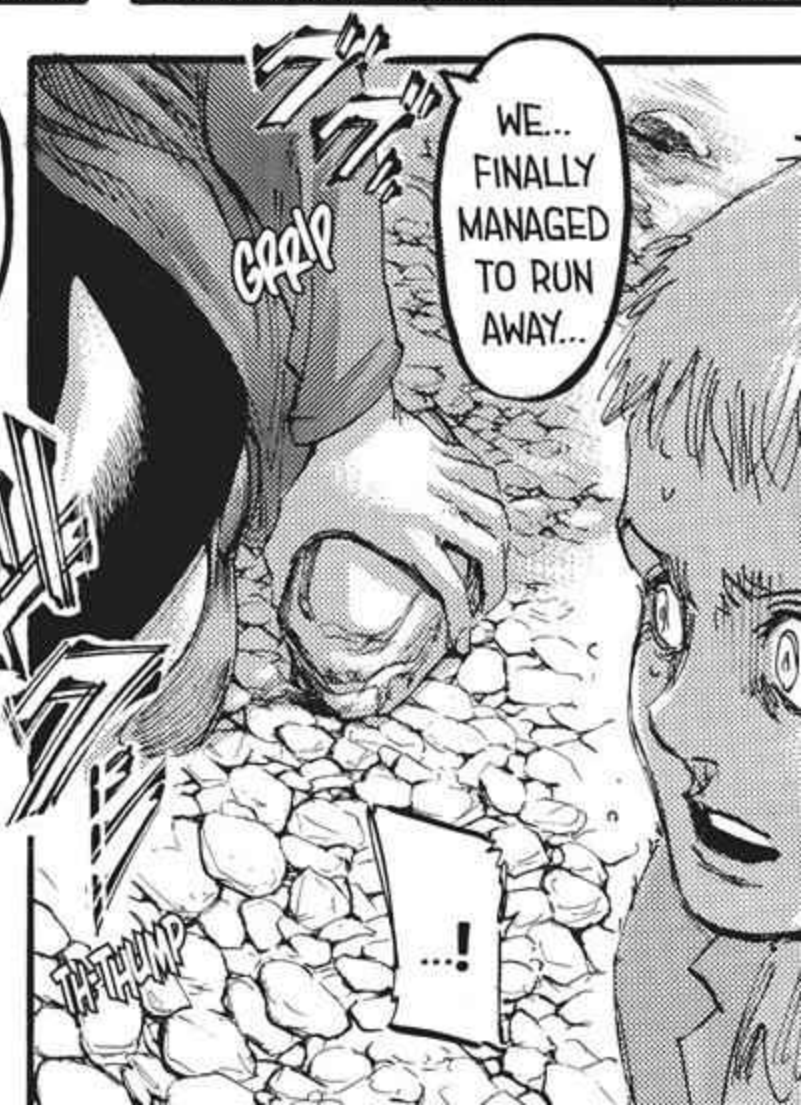
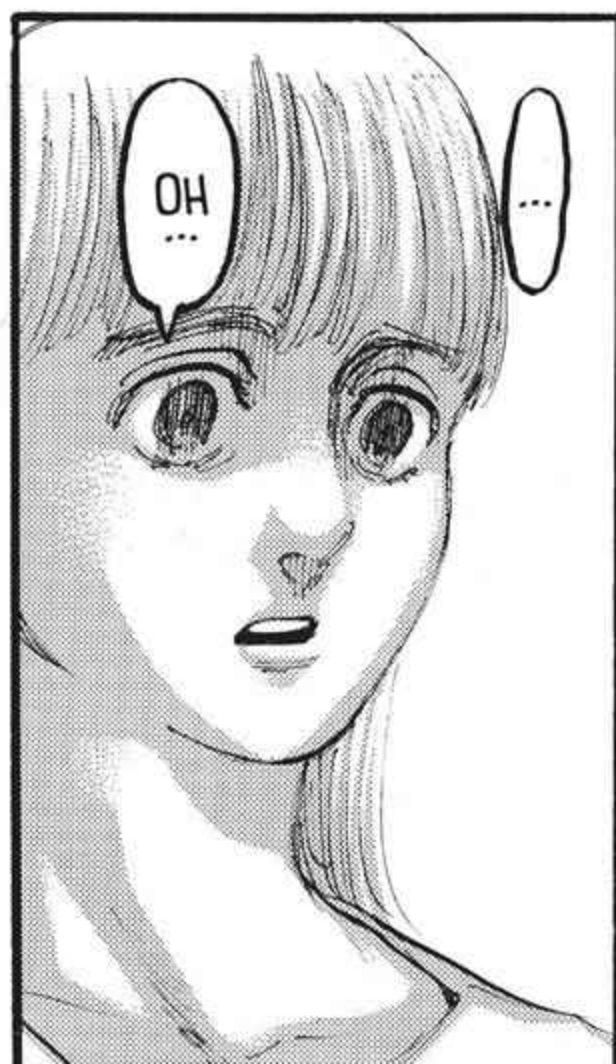
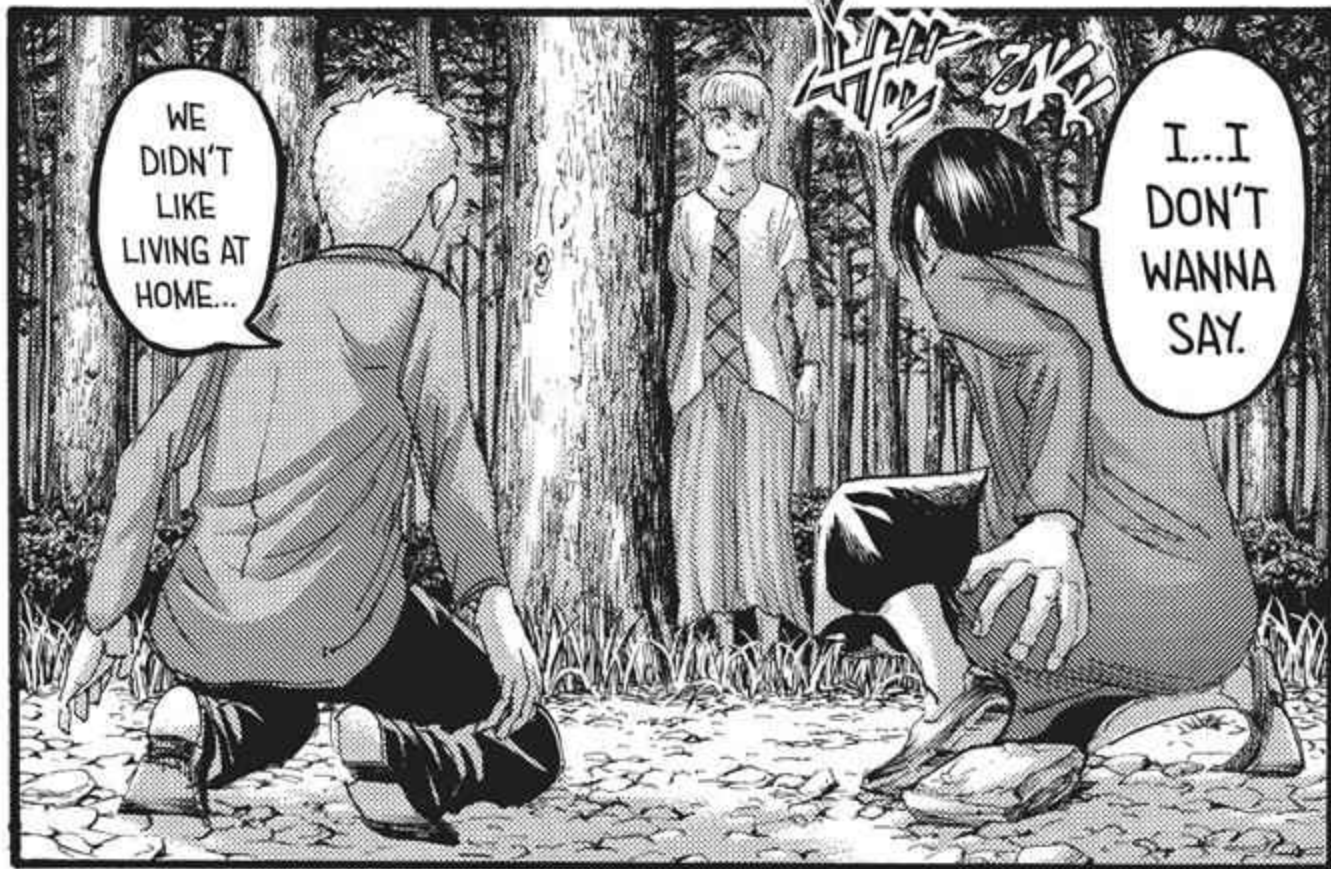




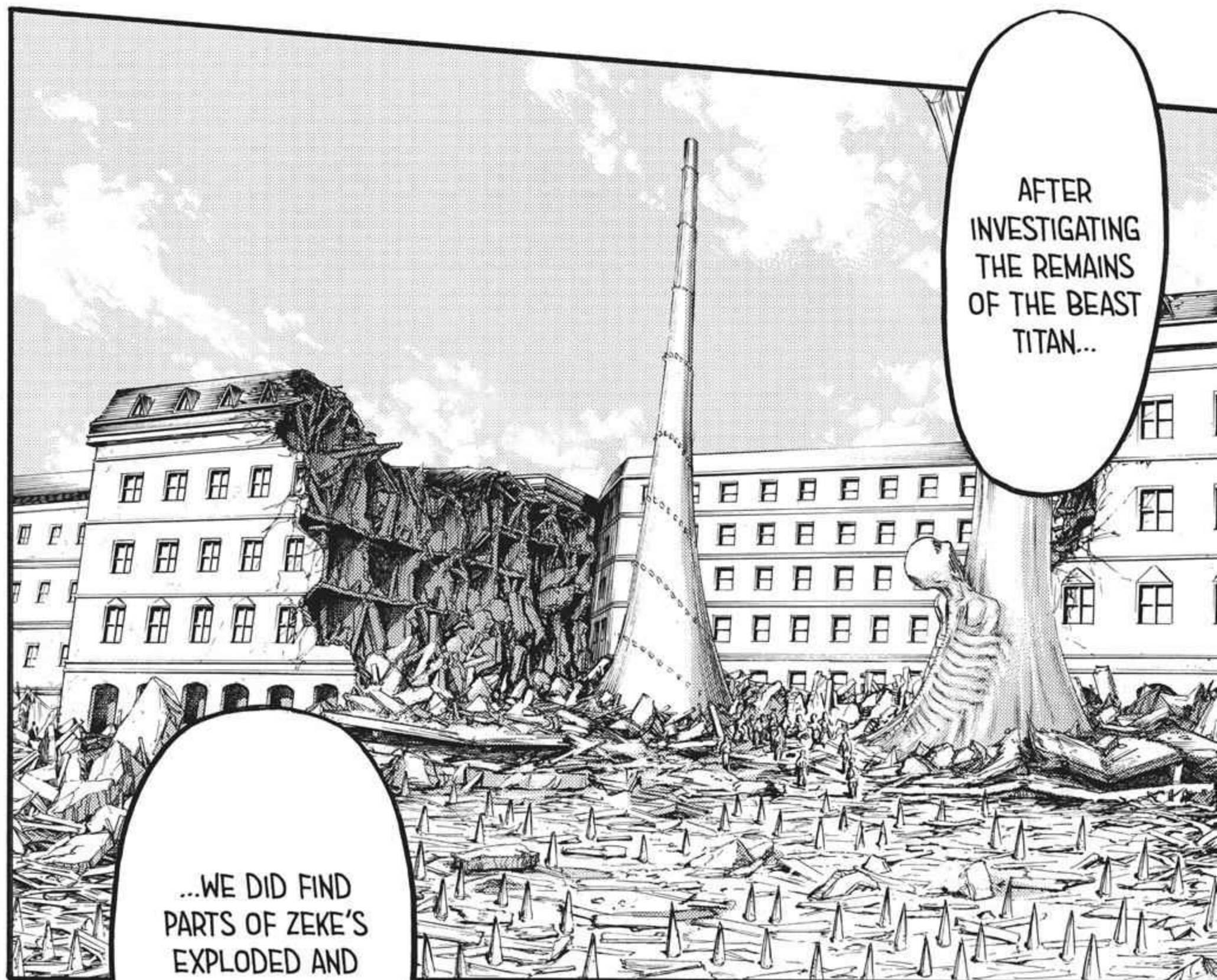




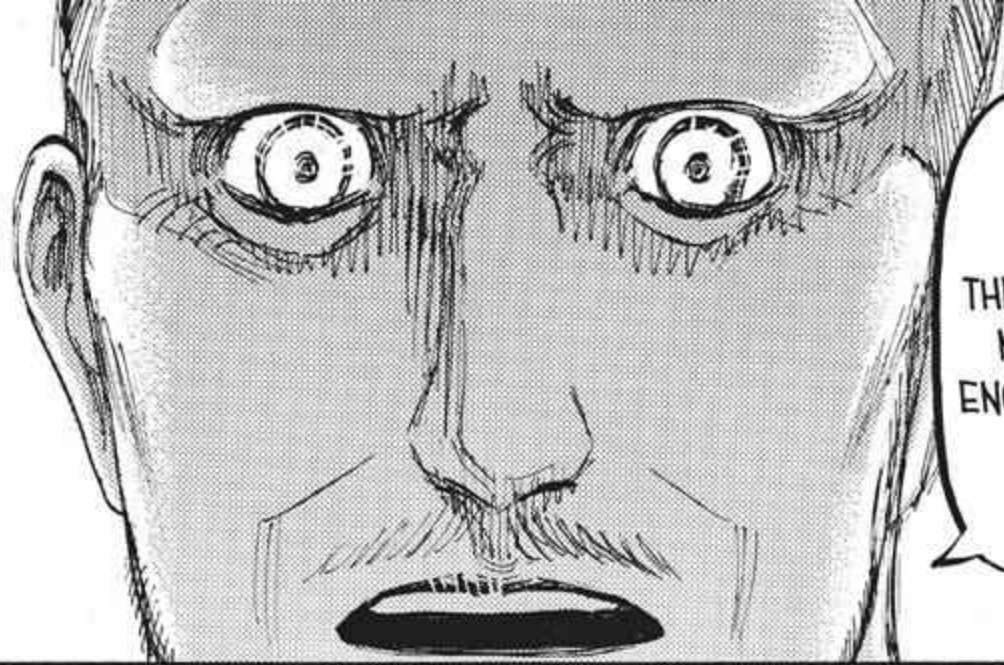








ALL
WE COULD
FIND WERE
LIMBS.



THERE'S
NOT
ENOUGH.

BUT
...

HE ONLY
PRETENDED TO
DIE IN ORDER
TO DECEIVE
US.



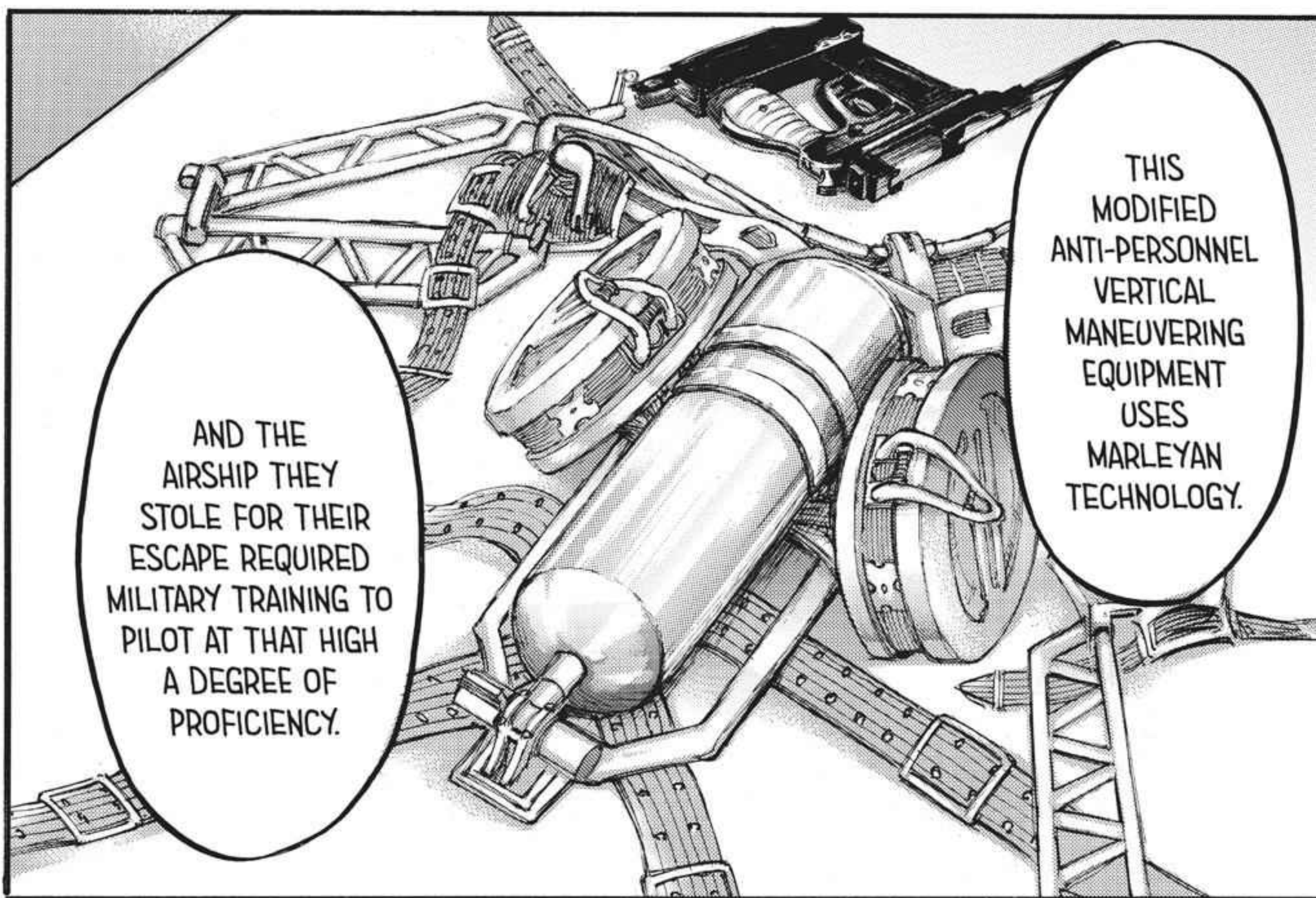
WE
BELIEVE
THAT ZEKE HAS
ALLIED WITH
ENEMY FORCES
ON PARADIS
AND ESCAPED
ON THEIR
AIRSHIP.



...FOR OVER
FOUR YEARS.
HE WAS PUTTING
TOGETHER A TEAM
OF CO-CONSPIRA-
TORS WHILE INSIDE
THE MARLEYAN
MILITARY.

...ZEKE
HAD BEEN
PLANNING
HIS RAID ON
MARLEY...

IF PIECK'S
THEORY IS
CORRECT...



AND THE
AIRSHIP THEY
STOLE FOR THEIR
ESCAPE REQUIRED
MILITARY TRAINING TO
PILOT AT THAT HIGH
A DEGREE OF
PROFICIENCY.


THIS
MODIFIED
ANTI-PERSONNEL
VERTICAL
MANEUVERING
EQUIPMENT
USES
MARLEYAN
TECHNOLOGY.



...
GAH!

...HIS
COMRADES
IN THE
ELDIAN
RESTORATION-
ISTS.

HE
MUST HAVE
SNUCK THEM
ONTO THE
SURVEY SHIP
TO PARADIS
FOUR YEARS
AGO.



TO THINK
HE WAS A
TRAITOR...

WE
FOUGHT
TOGETHER
FOR SO
LONG...

DAM-
MIT...




WE'RE
NOT GOING
TO LET THIS
END HERE.

OF
COURSE
...



JUST
LIKE
...

...WILLY
TYBUR ASKED
THE WORLD
TO DO THAT
DAY...



ALL MAJOR
NATIONS CAME
TOGETHER IN
THE BLINK OF AN
EYE TO FORM A
MASSIVE MILITARY
ALLIANCE.

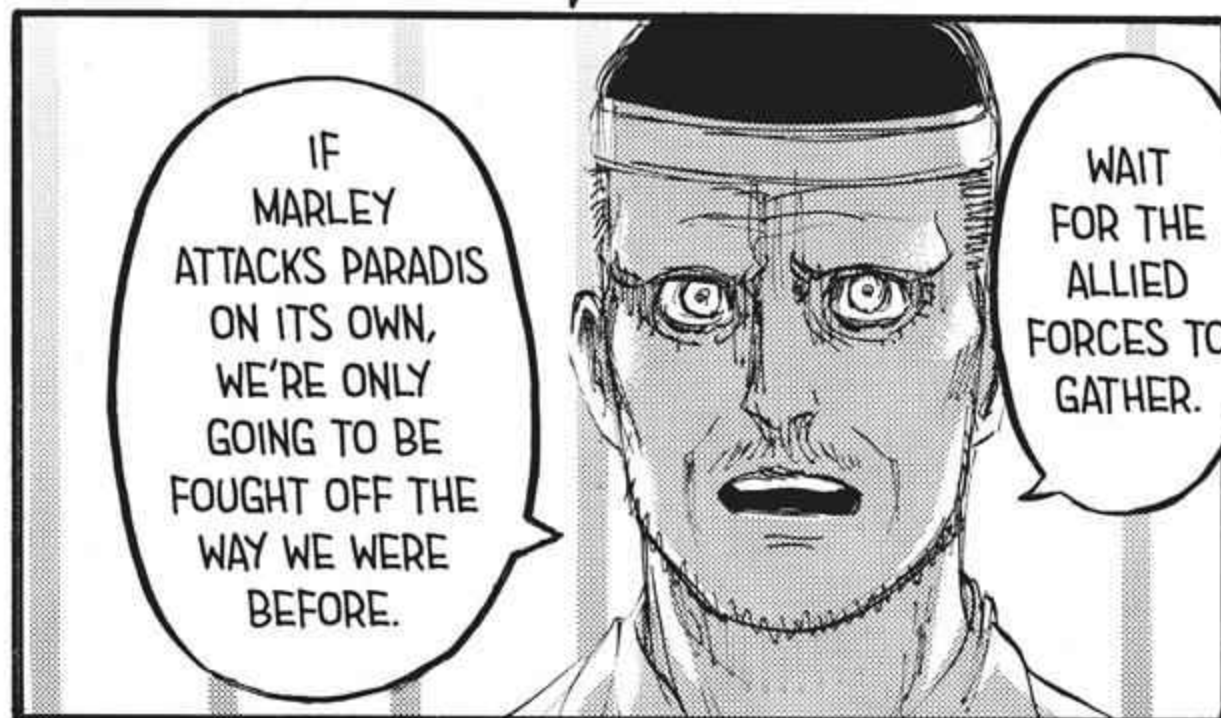
AFTER
THE ATTACK
ON MARLEY, THE
DIGNITARIES
AND NEWSPAPER
REPORTERS FROM
AROUND THE
WORLD WENT ON
TO SPEAK OF THE
THREAD POSED
BY PARADIS.



S-SIX MONTHS?!
TH-THANK

A GLOBAL MILITARY ALLIANCE WILL CONDUCT A SCORCHED-EARTH CAMPAIGN AGAINST PARADIS WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS!

WE'RE NOT JUST GOING TO WAIT UNTIL ZEKE'S TERM IS UP!



IF MARLEY ATTACKS PARADIS ON ITS OWN, WE'RE ONLY GOING TO BE FOUGHT OFF THE WAY WE WERE BEFORE.

WAIT FOR THE ALLIED FORCES TO GATHER.



IS THAT HOW LONG WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT TO RESCUE FALCO AND GABI, TOO?!



AND HE'S NOT THE KIND OF PERSON WHO'S JUST GOING TO WAIT AROUND WITH NO PLAN UNTIL HE'S CRUSHED SIX MONTHS LATER.



THAT THE MARLEYAN ARMY WON'T MOVE TO ATTACK IMMEDIATELY AFTER TAKING SUCH A MASSIVE BLOW.

ZEKE MUST BE THINKING THE SAME THING.



AND IF
WE WANT
TO SNUFF
THAT
PLAN
OUT...

YES...
HE MUST
HAVE A
PLAN IN
MIND.

SO
YOU THINK
ZEKE IS
PLOTING
SOME-
THING
RIGHT
NOW?



WE
NEED TO
LAUNCH A
SURPRISE
ATTACK ON
PARADIS.

...WE
CAN'T WAIT
FOR THE
GLOBAL
ALLIANCE TO
BE READY.

BOOM

ATTACK on TITAN